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Hijackers threaten to murder more

By The Associated Press

Hijackers who have killed four hostages on a Kuwaiti airliner in Tehran threatened Saturday to kill others, and an American passenger pleaded with officials to "prevent further killing" by meeting the sky pirates' demands, Iran's news agency said.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency also said the hijackers released 39 more passengers. The news agency quoted the hijackers as saying those released were "innocent," but it gave no further information.

Eighteen people, including the four hijackers, remained on the plane, IRNA said.

Before they released the passengers, the hijackers told the airport control tower in Tehran that they intended to start killing more hostages if Kuwait did not meet their demands, the news agency said. They did not indicate when they would carry out the threat.

The hijackers, who have said they killed two Americans and two Kuwaitis, on Friday named another American and three Kuwaitis as their next victims if Kuwait did not release 17 prisoners convicted of bombing French and U.S. embassies last December.

Kuwait has refused the demand.

The hijackers said they planned to

put all of the Americans on board on trial, but did not elaborate.

U.S. officials said Saturday that two Americans had been slain and two others remained aboard the plane.

The hijackers seized the Kuwait Airways Airbus A-300 Tuesday on a flight from Kuwait to Pakistan, with a stopover in Dubai, and forced it to land in Tehran with 161 people aboard.

The Iranian news agency said the American, speaking over the jet's radio, introduced himself as Charles Kipper and said: "Please meet their demands because they are serious. Please prevent further killing."

An earlier statement by hijackers had named a Charles Kipper, "an American CIA member of the Agency for International Development (AID)," as among the four passengers who would be killed next, IRNA said. The U.S. State Department had no comment on the name "Charles Kipper."

IRNA quoted one of the passengers released Saturday as saying that just before the release a group of hostages "made a futile attempt to overpower one of the hijackers."

Mohammed Iqbal, a 21-year-old Pakistani, was quoted as saying the hijackers beat a Kuwaiti passenger who planned the attempt, IRNA earlier reported that the hijackers took a hostage to the steps of the air-

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Monday represents Hansen's last shot

By QUANE KENYON
AP Capitol Writer

BOISE — After a cross-state trek that took election officials to nearly every corner of Idaho's 2nd Congressional District, Congressman George Hansen gets his last chance on Monday to reverse — at the ballot box — his narrow election defeat at the hands of Democrat Richard Stallings.

A partial recount requested by Hansen winds up Monday at Rupert, with Hansen holding only a slim chance of picking up enough votes to either reverse the outcome, or require a recount of all 451 precincts of the district.

After a five-day trip involving thousands of miles, state and federal election officials and lawyers for both Hansen and Stallings watched recounts at 38 precincts. But the tallying produced a net of 18 votes for Stallings, giving the Rexburg Democrat a margin of 151 votes.

After losing by an official margin of 151 votes, Hansen asked for a recount. He at first asked that to cover 20 precincts, but later expanded the request to 45 precincts.

The election officials covered all but seven of those precincts last week. Still left are Mountain Home precincts 2 and 3; Gooding precincts 1, 2 and 10 and Rupert precincts 1 and 5 in Minidoka County.

Deputy Attorney General Robie Russell, who's supervising the action, said earlier Hansen would have to show a net gain of eight votes in the 45 recounted precincts to trigger a districtwide recount.

Idaho laws say if a partial recount shows "substantial" discrepancies from official election totals, then a complete recount must be ordered.

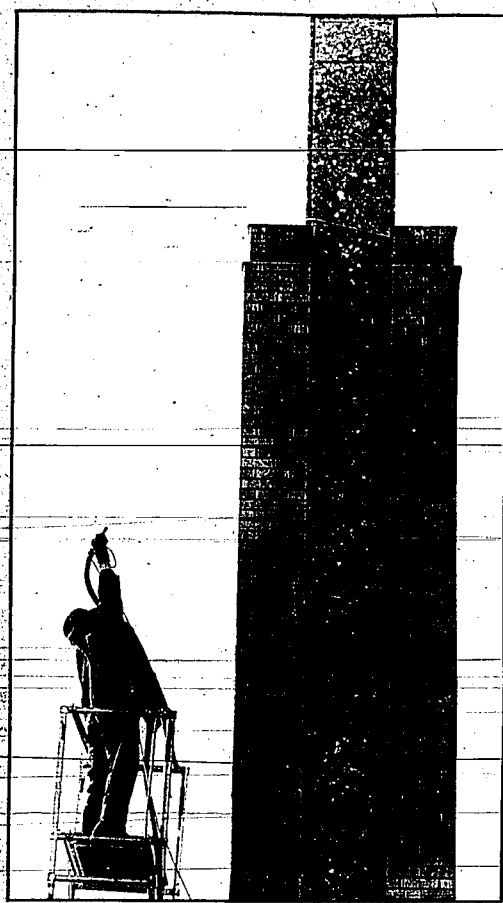
But there's some dispute over what "substantial" might mean, and Attorney General Jim Jones said earlier that the election dispute probably will head to the courts.

In the meantime, Stallings, armed with a certificate that says he won the election, has been in Washington, D.C., setting up office and staff and getting ready to be sworn in next month.

The House of Representatives and the Idaho House of Representatives have held the post most of the time since 1964.

Stallings spent the weekend at Harvard University, for an intensive seminar on matters important to incoming freshmen congressmen. The Rexburg Democrat announced the appointment of Randy Furniss, information officer with the Idaho Department of Employment, as his Idaho chief of staff.

Furniss spent several years as Frank Church's campaign Idaho field officer before joining the state agency.



Having a blast

Kip Miles of Miles Sandblasting, in rison Street in Twin Falls. The sand-blasting is the first step in the cleaning of the steeple of the Mormon church on Harrison Street.

Conflict in laws of state?

Coffin controversy unearths questions

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

WENDELL — When Roger King and Kevin Lancaster decided to sell hardwood coffins directly to the public, they ran into obstacles, among them, a rigid state law.

The case of the Wendell residents, however, also unearths a possible conflict of federal law and state laws. But the conflict appears to be in the spirit, not the letter of the laws.

Idaho law says that only licensed morticians are allowed to sell caskets to the public, according to the Bureau of Occupational Licensing, which oversees licensing of morticians.

King's lawyer says, however, that the state law allows his client to sell to the public under certain restrictions.

King, who has been in the coffin-making business for three years, says he and Lancaster can and will continue to offer the caskets.

But he admits it's going to be tough to break into a traditionally closed market despite the fact they probably can offer caskets at a cheaper price than funeral homes, because they aren't dealing with a middleman or wholesaler.

"We're unconventional," King says. He adds that they are willing to work and promote the business so it can find a spot in that market.

"That's free enterprise."

After articles were published in the Times-News recently about the coffin business, King says he has had many inquiries. But people ask, "aren't you illegal?" and fear if they buy a casket from him, they won't get as good of service or be served at all from the funeral homes, he says. And he has not made any sales.

Rachel Garrison with the Federal Trade Commission in Seattle says, "It's a new kind of competition that funeral homes might face." Selling caskets directly to the public has not been done either because of social pressure or state restrictions, she says. The FTC enforces federal rules governing funeral services.

Yet the case of Wendell coffin makers generates the question of whether the consumer has the opportunity to shop for the best deal in funerals when the market is restricted.

Garrison says she is not familiar with the Idaho law and didn't "have an easy answer" about the issue.

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Flynt innocent; Falwell gets damages

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A jury found Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt innocent Saturday of charges that he libeled the Rev. Jerry Falwell with a fake ad depicting him as an incestuous drunkard, but awarded the Moral Majority leader \$100,000 in compensatory damages for emotional distress.

In more than six hours of deliberation, the federal jury found that Flynt Distributing Co., one of the defendants, was not liable in the case.

The panel also decided that Flynt and Hustler owed Falwell punitive damages for the emotional distress.

Lawyers presented evidence to the jury on the net worth of Flynt and his magazine to be used in determining punitive damages, and the panel retired to determine the amount.

"So far, so good," Falwell said after the verdict. "I've very pleased that the jury found some damages."

Flynt lawyer Alan Isaacman said the verdict puts his client in a very strong position.

"The jury has determined the ad parody is constitutionally protected," said defense lawyer Alan Isaacman. He added that the defense will ask Turk for a ruling on its motion to strike the infliction of emotional distress count. The judge had taken the matter under advisement Friday.

An attorney for Falwell said he expects to appeal the libel verdict.

The jury's finding showed that "neither Mr. Flynt nor anyone else can prosecute the First Amendment," Falwell said, adding that purpose of the suit was to punish Hustler and prevent a recurrence of the twice-published ad. He said punitive damages yet to come would determine if that is accomplished.

The \$15-million lawsuit against Flynt and Hustler, which went to the jury Saturday afternoon following five days of testimony, alleged that

the parody of a Campari liqueur ad, which quoted Falwell, 51, as saying he drank and had sex with his mother, libeled the conservative evangelist and caused him severe emotional distress.

U.S. District Judge James C. Turk on Friday threw out a count of invasion of privacy.

The jury interrupted its deliberations after about three hours, asking to see a transcript of testimony and wanting to know whether bits of information in the ad parody could be interpreted as descriptions of Falwell.

Turk refused the testimony request, and instructed the jurors to consider the total ad, rather than analyze phrases individually.

The jury later asked Turk if it could find the magazine guilty of inflicting emotional distress without ruling that Falwell was libeled. Turk told the jurors they could reach such a verdict; and the panel retired to the jury chambers.

FBI manhunt ends in shootout, blaze

COUPEVILLE, Wash. (AP) — A house where a heavily armed fugitive had barricaded himself exploded in flames after FBI agents fired flares at it Saturday night, and authorities said the gunman was presumed dead in the blaze that ended a two-day standoff.

Robert T. Matthews, a neo-Nazi wanted for questioning in the wounding of an FBI agent, never came out of the burning house on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound that was surrounded by authorities, the FBI said.

Flames shot hundreds of feet into the air as ammunition exploded inside the house.

"We presume that whoever was in there must have died in the fire, because no one exited the house," FBI spokesman Oates Archey said in a statement from Washington, D.C.

"I feel quite confident that he succumbed to the heat, flames, smoke, explosions," added Allen Whitaker, FBI special agent-in-charge.

Earlier in the evening, a SWAT team twice

stormed the house but was repulsed by automatic gunfire from inside, said FBI spokesman Joseph Smith in Seattle. That followed a barrage of tear gas from authorities that lasted more than three hours.

About 6:20 p.m., agents assaulted the house with illuminant devices and for some reason the house caught on fire," Archey said. "They drew automatic weapons fire from the house. No one exited the house, even though it burned down. A perimeter has been set up around the premises, and there has been no attempt so far to identify the remains."

Residents of nearby homes on the 50-mile-long island had been evacuated, and for 12 hours Friday the Coast Guard halted vessel traffic on Admiralty Inlet, the only shipping channel to Puget Sound. The island is connected to the mainland by a bridge and two ferries.

During the night, floodlights bathed the house on the rural island 20 miles northwest of Seattle.

Matthews, 31, has been sought for questioning since Nov. 24, when he escaped from about 20 FBI agents surrounding a Portland, Ore., motel. Agent Arthur Hensel was wounded in the knee, and Matthews was believed to have been wounded in the hand as he fled.

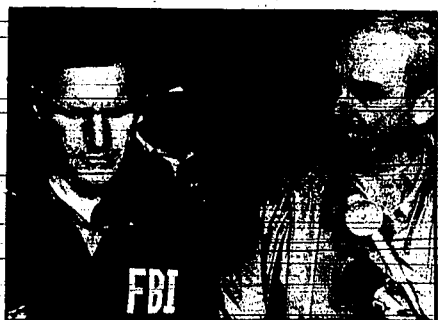
That incident began when agents tried to arrest Matthews' room companion, Gary Lee Yarbrough, Yarbrough, 29, was arrested on charges of assaulting federal officers in an ambush near Sandpoint, Idaho, on Oct. 18, and carrying firearms as a felon. He is to be arraigned Monday in Boise.

Matthews had been described as armed and dangerous by Assistant FBI Director Bill Baker in Washington, D.C.

A family source said Matthews has "a tendency toward being a martyr for his cause."

In his home of Metairie Falls, Matthews' wife, Debbie, said her husband was "an excellent fam-

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FBI's Allen Whitaker (left) tells of fire that killed fugitive

Coffins

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The FTC enforces federal anti-trust laws which concern unfair methods of competition. Garson says. Those methods take different forms and in the case of the state, they may be state and local laws that protect certain business and are anti-competitive, she says.

In general, the FTC would like to see the anti-competitive laws change. But that is the duty of the state Legislators, she adds.

Another FTC official, Claude Wild of the Denver office, says he also was unfamiliar with the Idaho law. But depending on the circumstances and "thousands of considerations," there may be a consumer protection problem involved.

"It sounds like consumers may be denied by the state law, but there may be very good reasons for the law," Wild says.

Given the public sentiment of less regulation, the Idaho Legislature might want to look at the what good it law does and what harm it does by keeping people out of the industry, Garson says.

"The thing that we are concerned about is that people can pick and choose" what they want to purchase in a funeral, Garson says. Funeral packages are not illegal. But funeral homes also must provide itemized prices for each service so the consumer can decide if he wants that particular service.

Wild adds that it would be a violation of the federal rule if a funeral home required the consumer to purchase a casket as a condition of providing other goods or services. That's according to an informal opinion of FTC staff on a question of whether a funeral home can refuse to accept a casket provided by the consumer.

But if a state or local law requires that a consumer purchase the goods or services, then no violation has occurred, Wild says.

Wild says the federal funeral rules mean that the funeral home can't say, "If you want my services you also have to buy my casket, viewing, room, embalming and casket."

The idea to let people decide for themselves," Wild says.

According to the federal rules governing funeral services which are enforced by the FTC, Garson believes consumers have the right to provide their own caskets.

Ken Mallica, the executive director

Rules formed to protect buyer

By TIM MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For many adults, buying funeral services is a traumatic experience.

The consumer is at a disadvantage because of his emotional state, so federal rules were developed to protect the buyer.

The main purpose of the federal rules governing the funeral industry is that truthful price information can be easily obtained so that consumers can "pick and choose" and not pay for something they don't want, says Rachael Garson, the public information officer with the Seattle FTC office.

The FTC found that funeral homes were misrepresenting what was required for burials. Particularly, people were paying for traditional and expensive caskets for cremation when the caskets weren't required, Garson says.

The federal rules, which are enforced by the FTC, also say that funeral homes must provide itemized prices on services so the consumers can select what they want to pay for, she says.

In the case of smaller transactions, such as transferring a body from one funeral home to another, funeral homes don't have to separate costs

such as use of the vehicles. In larger traditional funerals, the prices for each item — such as flowers, use of chapel or viewing rooms — must be listed.

Funeral packages are not illegal, it is just that the services contained within them must be "unbundled" for pricing as an alternative to the consumer.

In addition, the funeral home is required to provide information about prices over the telephone.

If people have any questions about rights, they can contact the nearest FTC office in Seattle or Denver.

Ken Mallica, the executive director of the Idaho Funeral Services Association, also urges people to contact their local funeral home if they have any questions.

Consumer information on funerals — despite their emotion — may be worth heeding. According to the statement of purpose for the federal rules published in 1982, "Although funeral costs vary substantially among funeral homes and among different kinds of dispositions and ceremonies, price surveys have found that the average funeral, which includes embalming, viewing, a ceremony with the body present and a procession to the cemetery followed by ground burial costs the consumer between \$2,000 to \$3,000."

"A real choice is available to the family," Mallica says. "People also have freedom to choose by pre-planning for funeral arrangements, which is becoming a greater role with the funeral industry, Mallica says.

A nationwide survey of funeral directors, however, says that consumers aren't aware of the range of services available, according to a 1992 FTC report. Funeral homes usually don't display their lower priced units and evidence shows that when such merchandise is not displayed, consumers are not aware of it and don't ask.

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ily man" and father.

Mathews' brother, John Lee Mathews, said the shooting of the FBI agent would have been out of character for his brother, although he's done a lot of strange things since he got mixed up with those people.

Mathews broke off from the self-described white separatist Aryan Nations Church in Hayden Lake, Idaho, said Larry Broadbent, undersheriff of Kootenai County in northern Idaho. Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler said his group advocates a "national state for white people."

Mathews later founded a group called the White American Bastion, said Barbara Strakal of the Cult Awareness Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Yarbrough has been affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations but in Hayden Lake, Idaho, The Rev. Richard Butler, the leader of the church, said Yarbrough

left the group about a year ago, but still is considered a follower.

The church describes itself as standing upon the ideals of the "preservation of the purity of the white race." In the first day of the siege Friday, FBI agents surrounded three houses on the island before narrowing the search to one. Three people were arrested for investigation of harboring a federal fugitive, and a fourth was held for questioning.

In one of the houses, the FBI confiscated two rifles, a 12-gauge shotgun, a 9-mm handgun, a sword and ammunition. They also collected a 20-channel scanner, two female wigs, a padded bra, fatigues, fake mustaches and "11,900" in cash discovered behind an electric fireplace.

"They were counting piles of money. It was all over the living room floor," said Dee Albert, who runs a waterbed store in Oak Harbor and who was asked by the FBI to drain a

waterbed.

In Greenbank, Bill DeLapp said FBI agents set up a command post about a week ago in his house, about 10 yards from the house where two arrests were made Friday.

A man identified by FBI agents in Seattle as Randolph George Drey was arrested without incident Friday on a warrant accusing him of harboring a "federal" fugitive.

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craft and beat him. It said they then took the man into the plane and radioed for an ambulance.

Iqbal was asked by saying two Americans were kept separately in the first class section of the plane and that one of them had facial injuries. IRNA also quoted an Iranian doctor who was allowed to enter the plane as saying one Kuwaiti passenger was "on the verge of dying."

The unidentified doctor quoted the hijackers as saying that unless Kuwait met their demands, "they would kill themselves and others inside," IRNA said.

During a secret session Saturday, the Kuwaiti Parliament backed the government's decision not to give in to the hijackers' demands, an official statement said.

The Persian Gulf nation's Cabinet has been in almost constant session since the hijackers seized the Airbus A-300.

The Parliament "supports the measures taken by the government in dealing with this ugly crime," the statement said.

A parliamentary resolution called on Iran "to intervene promptly to safeguard the lives of all the passengers and crew members still aboard the hijacked jet, the statement said.

Tehran radio quoted Ali Akbar Valayat, Iran's foreign minister, as saying Iran "has been prepared to launch a military attack on the plane and release the passengers, but the Kuwaiti officials have not agreed to this option. However, the readiness still remains."

The suggestion that Kuwait would not agree to an attack was disputed by Kuwait's foreign minister.

Selecting and Arranging Furnishings

By Jo Ann Rose

THE HUMAN TOUCH. When you plan furniture selection and placement for specific rooms, don't just measure the walls and pieces of furniture. Allow room for people, too. Remember, you are not just arranging furniture. You are creating settings for patterns of living.

That means... space to move around. Leave clearances for doorways and arches. Create traffic lanes that don't force people to dodge around furniture. Allow leg room; too, for people to sit comfortably and even stretch out if they want to. Give your rooms some focus by selecting one main center of interest. It might be the fireplace, a conversational grouping, the television set in the family room, a prized painting. Create your human patterns around such focal points. And let people get together for socializing without having traffic lanes come between them, or making them twist their necks to communicate. The human touch is important to you, too, when you're shopping for fine furnishings. You'll find that special concern for you and your needs, along with expert decorating help, when you visit our showrooms. Come in for a visit soon.

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Today's weather

More cloudiness, light winds expected

Twin Falls, Burley-Rupert, Jerome-Glading areas:

Partly sunny skies and light winds prevailed in the Magic Valley Saturday. Cloudy today and tonight with highs in the low to mid-50s. Light winds with scattered snow showers. Low Monday 20 to 25, highs near 40.

Nevada and northern Utah:

Partly cloudy with chances of rain or snow through Monday. Highs will be in the upper 30s to lower 50s. Lows are expected to about the mid-lows. The snow level is about 5,000 feet. Occasional southerly winds to about 15 mph.

Camas Prairie and Lower Wood River Valley:

Cloudy today with a few snow showers and highs to 30 degrees. Warmer tonight and Monday with snow showers likely. Monday's low should be to 20 degrees with therrings in the mid-30s.

Synopsis:

Idaho skies continued Saturday to be mostly cloudy. In the southeast and the Panhandle. For the rest of the state, mostly sunny skies prevailed.

Winds were light, holding haze and smoke in several Idaho valleys.

No precipitation was reported in the state Saturday, but radar and satellite photos showed some showers may have fallen in parts of the Idaho Panhandle and in the extreme southeast corner, near the Utah and Wyoming borders.

Leviston reported the state's warmest

temperature of 46 degrees. Gibbonsville, near the Lost Trail Pass to Montana, was the state's coldest spot, reporting 11 degrees below zero.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Transportation Department reported snow and ice on the state's highways Saturday, and advised the use of chains on vehicles crossing Lookout Pass in northern Idaho.

Conditions:

U.S. 92 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene; icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, wet, icy; Sandpoint-Canadian border, icy, snow floor; Riggins-White Bird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots; Winchester-Leviston, dry; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; Marsing-Oregon border, dry.

Interstate 4 — Four of four Canyon, icy, snow floor; Lookout Pass, icy, snow floor, chains advised.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orofino, icy spots; Orofino-Kootenai, icy spots; Kootenai-Lewell, icy spots; Lewell-Idaho Falls, icy spots, broken snow floor.

Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, dry; Boise area, dry; Idaho Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots, broken snow floor; Donnelly-New Meadows, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots, broken snow floor; Idaho City-Lewman, snow floor; Grandjean-Stanley, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, broken snow floor; Fairfield-Carey, broken snow floor, snow floor; Carey-Arco, broken snow floor, snow floor; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots, broken snow floor; Ashton-Montana border, snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Snow floor.

Idaho 51 — Snow floor.

U.S. 93 — Nevada border-Twin Falls, icy spots; Twin Falls-Carey, broken snow floor, snow floor; Carey-Arco, broken snow floor, snow floor; Arco-Salmon, broken snow floor, snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Kelchum, icy spots, broken snow floor; Galena Summit, snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Raft River-American Falls, bare; American Falls-Pocatello, bare.

Interstate 15 — Utah border-Pocatello, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Pocatello, icy spots; Mammoth Falls, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 30 — McCall-Mammoth Falls, broken snow floor; Soda Springs-Montpelier, dry; Montpelier-Wyoming border, dry.

U.S. 91 — Dry.

National

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Albuquerque	62	31	0
Atlanta	41	27	0
Boston	40	23	0
Chicago	27	23	0
Dallas	59	38	0
Denver	43	24	0
Des Moines	44	22	0
Detroit	43	22	0
Honolulu	84	72	12
Houston	58	33	0
Indianapolis	38	27	0

	Max	Min	Pcp
Kansas City	50	27	0
Las Vegas	60	44	0
Los Angeles	74	57	0
Los Angeles	62	38	0
Miami Beach	65	52	0
Minneapolis	31	22	0
Minneapolis	48	23	0
New Orleans	48	27	0
New York	44	27	0
Oklahoma City	58	37	0
Omaha	54	32	0
Phoenix	74	58	12
Pittsburgh	31	15	0
Portland, Me	21	10	0

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Portland, Ore.	40	31	0
San Francisco	46	34	0
San Francisco	46	34	0
Seattle	49	45	11
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Spokane	70	52	0
Washington	40	24	0

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Idaho Falls	26	6	0
Lewiston	46	29	0
McCall	33	6	0
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Cutbacks hinge on defense decision

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The decision that President Reagan makes this week on whether to trim his massive defense buildup will also go a long way toward determining the fate in Congress of his highly publicized package of \$34 billion in domestic program cuts.

Give in a little on defense spending, and the president picks up support for the rest of his program, especially from Republican leaders who will ultimately have to count votes for the Reagan spending policies in the new House and Senate.

Ignore the pressure and plow ahead with earlier defense spending projections and the president loses support, to judge by the comments of the senior Republicans themselves.

Reagan himself seemed to signal his intentions last Friday at a brief question and answer session with reporters.

Only Social Security and interest on the national debt are off-limits to this year's budget-cutting efforts, he said.

What about defense? When Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger returns from an overseas trip, Reagan said, "we'll discuss his defense budget to see what he can contribute" to the effort to reduce the federal deficit.

Budget Director David Stockman has proposed trimming about \$8 billion from the Pentagon's budget for the 1986 fiscal year.

It's not merely coincidence that the \$8 billion, added to the \$34 billion in domestic cuts already approved tentatively by the president, would allow him to reach his stated goal of \$42 billion in reductions.

Failure to approve either Stockman's proposals, or some variation, would presumably force the president to go back through social programs for more cuts or else tacitly

abandon his attempt to cut deficits to \$100 billion by the end of his second term.

"There was a unanimity that there be cuts in defense," GOP Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island, a former Navy Secretary, said after one meeting with the president.

Unless there is some give there, it's kind of unrealistic that you do the other things," added Rep. Bob Michel, the GOP leader in the House who must help find Democratic votes if Reagan is to win anything this year.

But so far, Republican leaders have avoided the kind of outright rejection of the Reagan budget proposals that characterized their response in 1982, 1983 and again last year. And that means there is a better than average chance for the president — wrest from a 49-state landslide re-election — to get much of what he wants.

Should he approve the reductions in the defense plan, the president is almost certain to couch his decision in words that make clear that the national security of the United States is not threatened.

"I'd like to point out to you that without cutting back on our need to improve our defense after years and years of neglect, the Defense Department itself, on its own, has found ability to cut its original request (from 1981) . . . by \$16 billion to date," was the way he said it in his 20-minute session with reporters late last week.

That, of course, is precisely the argument that congressional critics have been making to the president for the first four years of his presidency, and that they make again this year as they try to persuade him to give ground.

Study: Ethiopia first of many water crises

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ethiopian drought is a forerunner of widespread regional water crises in the 1990s that could rival the energy crisis of the last decade, according to a new study by a Washington-based resources think tank.

Falling water tables, shrinking lakes and inland seas and rivers that once flowed year round but now fade to dry beds after rainy seasons indicate a widespread overuse and mismanagement of water resources, the Worldwatch Institute said in a study released Saturday.

"No historic event is likely to trigger a worldwide restructuring of water use the way the oil price hikes did for energy," researchers said in the 68-page study. "Yet if current trends continue, fresh water may in many areas become a constraint on economic activity and food production over the coming decades."

In the United States, the study said, areas where excessive withdrawal of underground water supplies threatens its future availability include the Colorado River basin, particularly the areas around Phoenix and Tucson; the Florida and Pacific coasts; the High Plains from Nebraska to Texas; and Oklahoma; and much of California.

Intrusion of sea water from heavy

pumping of coastal aquifers is occurring in Israel and Arabian Gulf nations. Heavy pumping of inland aquifers causing large drops in the water table in northern China, India and parts of Mexico.

The report cites statistics from the U.S. Geological Survey in which officials estimate that the giant Ogallala Aquifer responsible for irrigating one-fifth of the nation's cropland is now half-depleted under 2.2 million acres of Texas, New Mexico and Kansas.

Rising pumping costs and diminishing well yields associated the depletion of the Ogallala are causing farmers in all areas of the High Plains, except for Nebraska, to take land out of irrigation.

China's Marxist goals intact

Ends remain same for Communists, though means change

By RICK GLADSTONE
The Associated Press

PEKING — Communist China's retreat from orthodox Marxism is a means of justifying profound economic reforms begun six years ago, but the nation has not shelved Marx's ultimate goals, diplomatic analysts say.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said Friday that while it is useful to study the works of 19th-century philosopher Karl Marx, considered the founder of communism, China must look elsewhere for guidance in the 1980s.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition that they not be identified, said they considered the statement a significant one underpinning China's shift toward a mixed economy and away from unbending devotion to any one school of thought.

"What they're saying is that rigid adherence and blind faith to Marxism is going to get you in trouble," said one diplomat.

"They are trying to develop an evolving ideology," he said. "This is not to deny Marx's goals, but it's time to stop going back to Marx to

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solve problems he saw last century."

The newspaper said in a front-page commentary that some of the thoughts of Marx and his associates Friedrich Engels and Vladimir Lenin are outdated, and it is the party's responsibility to adapt, expand and "enrich" Marxist philosophy.

"Marx died 101 years ago. His works are more than a century old," it said. "There are many things Marx, Engels and Lenin never experienced or had any contact with. We cannot depend on the works of Marx and Lenin to solve our modern-day questions."

That statement is considered extraordinary for the Chinese Communists, who erect giant portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Josef Stalin in Peking's Tiananmen Square on important state occasions and have called Marxism-Leninism their basic guide.

Last year, on the 100th anniversary of Marx's death, party General Secretary Hu Yaobang

said Marxism "has demonstrated its mighty power with which no other ideological system can compare."

But the official English-language China Daily, interpreting the new party line, said Saturday: "It would be silly if we judged everything now with Marxist sayings of more than 100 years ago."

The official press did not specify the Marxist-Leninist principles no longer considered relevant to China.

Quoting the late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, the revolutionary war leader the 1949 Communist takeover, the newspaper said the party must mold itself to suit Chinese conditions.

It said party theorists must "plunge themselves into reality" to solve the problem of modernizing this country of 1.03 billion people.

The current slogan advanced by Mao's moderate successor, 80-year-old Deng Xiaoping, is "seeking truth from facts."

In the six years since Deng took over, he has done away with many of Mao's policies and buried Mao's exhortations of class struggle and egalitarianism.

Twain's 'Huck Finn' becomes 100 years old

HANNIBAL, Mo. (AP) — In this town where Mark Twain passed his boyhood, his statue sternly scans the busy Mississippi, passing bargemen still shout greetings to shore and, on Monday, "Huckleberry Finn" glides into a second century.

"There warn't no home like a raft," the young runaway said in the classic novel published 100 years ago. "Other places do seem so cramped up and smothery, but a raft don't. You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft."

The story still enlivens the town, which remembers Huck with summertime raft races on the river. Readers from around the world visit Hannibal, many beckoned by Twain's here.

At the Twain museum, the curator brags a bit to show how the story remains alive. "I was given a copy of 'Huckleberry Finn' just this afternoon translated into Farsi," Henry Sweets said. "You know, from the Faroe Islands? They're between Europe and Iceland."

The book would go on the shelf with editions in Russian, Urdu, Arabic and dozens of other languages.

Huck Finn lives, too, in the talk of boatmen who figure the story might help influence others to choose lives on the river. "It may bring some of the younger boys out," allowed W.R. Holloway, chief engineer of the barge tow North Bend, which churned in the river.

"Huck's vitality" showed, perhaps most clearly in a discussion of the

novel's centenary at Hannibal High School.

"The things he did, going down the river. . . It's things you dream about," said Devon McClain, a 17-year-old student whose affection for fishing in the rivers Huck knew is not the only thing the boys have in common. "I don't like to wear shoes," he volunteered.

Its ability to stir controversy is another measure of the vitality of the book first published Dec. 10, 1884.

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It'll be hold-the-line in 1986 state budget

Both the Idaho House and Senate are expanded this year due to a court-imposed reapportionment plan, but we doubt the additional brain power will do much for solving the ongoing budget problems faced by the state.

As usual, the question is whether to cut the budget or raise taxes. Gov. John Evans, speaking to the annual Associated Taxpayers of Idaho conference last week, said he favors expanding the tax base rather than raising the rates, but that he won't hesitate to do the latter if more revenue is needed. The state's tax burden, he said, now falls disproportionately on "retail purchases of goods by individuals." Ominously, he added: "The taxpayers of Idaho have been treated rather well compared to those in other states."

If Evans thinks we ought to pay more taxes, he ought to come down to the Magic Valley next week and talk to people who just got their property tax bills.

Once again, we will probably see a tug-of-war between Evans and the few remaining legislative Democrats and conservative Republicans. This time, the edge goes to the latter. If not Draconian, there is little sympathy in those ranks for anything that looks like excess in government funding.

The bottom line? Look for a hold-the-line budget for 1986 fiscal year in state funding. The Democrats lack the numbers to push for much beyond that.

We found ourselves in tentative agreement with several ideas floated last week as part of the state's revenue picture.

Allow local option taxes. In the past few years, various initiatives and state funding policy have all but destroyed the ability of local units of government to submit levy local taxes. We think they should have the ability to do, conditional, of course, on a local vote by the people.

Narrow the exemptions list. The list of sales tax exemptions now runs to 13 pages in the state code and costs the state an estimated \$160 million in revenue annually. Extending the tax to services might raise \$18 million. We think the Legislature should look closely at this funding option.

Close or convert Lewis & Clark College. This is a sensitive issue which strikes directly at the state's long-standing regional, economic and political divisions. But we agree with House Speaker Tom Stivers that a public, four-year school less than 40 miles from the University of Idaho makes little sense in a state which can barely support three full-fledged universities.

Ideally, the school can be converted into filling some other educational role in the state's needs, perhaps in the vocational-technical area. But if not, the Legislature should consider closing it, with of course, enough lead time to phase out existing programs, faculty and students. These could be given top priority for vacancies elsewhere in the state.

Museums will stand if reform passes

WASHINGTON — It looks now as if we will be talking tax bills for the next 12 months. At the moment interested observers are plowing gamely through a blizzard of proposals that are similar but not identical: Bradley-Gephardt, Kemp-Kasten, and most recently the Treasury's very own Reagan Plan. Some amalgamation of these is likely to be written into law next year.

The regrettable thing is that while we have a Reagan plan, we have no Reagan plan. The secretary of the treasury, Donald Regan, has come up with specific recommendations that generally make sense. The president of the United States, Ronald Reagan, has yet to be heard from. More accurately, the president has been heard from, but he has been heard from as stuck records are heard from. For at least the 500th time, he has said he opposes any increase in taxes. It would be nice to get the needle back on track.

Without the president's active, vigorous leadership, not much of anything will be done next year toward getting us out of the mess we are in. No such leadership has been evident thus far.

The president greeted the Reagan plan as if he were letting a wet collie come into the house. OK, but don't shake on me.

The incoming chairman of Senate Finance, Bob Packwood of Oregon, said he would oppose any action on a tax bill until the possibilities for reduction in spending have been exhausted. On the House side, Dan Rostenkowski said his Ways and Means Committee will consider only tax bills to raise taxes; he has no interest in what is known as a "revenue neutral" bill.

Secretary Regan unveiled his neatly interlocking plan on Nov. 27. On Nov. 28 critics began tearing the thing to pieces. One proposed change would limit deduction for charitable causes to an amount in excess of 2 percent of adjusted gross income. Another change would limit deductions for mortgage interest to principal residences only. Still another change would abolish the privileged treatment given to some (but not all) municipal bonds.

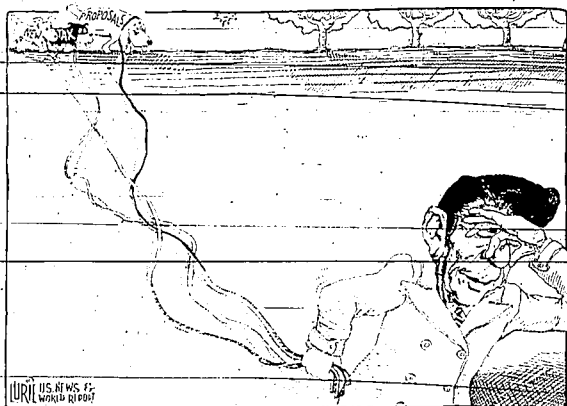
Within hours we heard that our great museums would be closed, the publishing industry would collapse and municipal governments would go to the bow-woos if these changes were enacted. The hotel and restaurant lobby is aghast. The plan would prohibit tax deductions for "entertainment expenses" and it would cut deductions for "business meals and travel expenses."

In the gloom of all this negativism, it may be naive to perceive a few candles of hope. My thought is that by the late summer of next year, it finally will become clear to the Congress that prospective deficits must be significantly reduced.

It will become evident that this aim cannot be accomplished by relying upon increased economic activity to produce sufficient new revenue. The president will come to life, and he will begin exerting his considerable powers of persuasion not only on members of Congress but also on the museum directors, real estate folks, big-city mayors, industrial leaders, and the purveyors of two-martini lunches.

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the tax code in the name of fairness.

Such a bill will pass in part because of Pickle's Law: If a politically difficult act is to be done at all, it must be done in an odd-numbered year. The situation cannot be permitted to drift along to 1986. But there is a better reason: The present tax code is indefensible. A provision that once had some social purpose (the deduction for interest on home mortgages) has been twisted beyond the goal of home ownership.

A hundred provisions dealing with investment have been used only as tax shelters. The code does in fact favor the rich individual and the canny corporation. It promotes cheating to a fine art. It permits billions of dollars in income to escape taxation altogether.

A reform bill will pass. And you know what? The museums, the builders, the cities and the posh restaurants will survive.

James Kilpatrick writes his column, "A Conservative View," from Washington.

Doctors shouldn't also be executioners

WASHINGTON — Doctors aren't supposed to kill people. This basic medical precept has gotten renewed attention recently, as the public has become aware of physicians' decisions about when and under what circumstances they may cease artificial life support of dying patients without violating their medical oaths.

Judges and legislators — as well as the general public — have made it clear to physicians that it is not just medical ethics that forbids their taking human life.

Yet, 11 states have adopted statutes commanding that medical means be used to execute prisoners under capital sentences. Such executions are being challenged in a case argued before the Supreme Court Monday.

Economically and politically, Lawson says, Britain can get along adequately with double-digit unemployment. Economically, he may be right. But the social costs could change the political equation.

An intriguing difference between the Thatcher and Reagan approaches is that Thatcher decided, early in her first term, to act boldly to shrink the PSBR — the "public-sector borrowing requirement." ("That phrase is superior to, because more descriptive than, the word 'deficit.'") So, in 1981, even though Britain was in a recession, the government

submitted the most unpopular budget in decades, raising taxes substantially.

The theory was that this would prevent government borrowing from "crowding out" private borrowing needed for investment. This, in turn, would lower interest rates, suppress inflationary expectations, and spur growth. Instantly, 361 economists signed a letter to the London Times announcing, with characteristic finality and inaccuracy, that it would not work. It did.

Today, the government led by the Downing Street neighbors is an interested, not to say mesmerized, bystander as the Reagan administration contemplates its deficit. The U.S. economy still is the locomotive that pulls European economies. And the high U.S. interest rate (which reduces the sting of the deficit by pulling in foreign capital to help finance it) siphons capital away from European investment.

The Thatcher government now has tax-cutting plans. It thinks it has earned them by doing unpleasant first things first. Taxpayers in and around Reagan's administration say that when the economy is growing one need

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It would be a mistake, however, to treat this case as involving merely arcane questions about the scope of judicial review of federal agencies' discretionary decisions. At issue is a fundamental ethical standard that reassures us all about the commitment of health care personnel to our welfare — and continued life.

Do we really want to encourage physicians and nurses to abandon their opposition? I think not. As the eminent psychiatrist and cultural historian,

Robert Jay Lifton, concludes after a searching examination of medical involvement in Nazi executions, the professions' ethical standards are needed to avoid the "breakdown, or threatened breakdown, of distinctions between healing and killing."

By using medical knowledge and personnel to kill people, we do more than undermine the emerging standards and procedures for good, ethical decision-making about the sick and dying. We also set off a terrifying land where the white gowns of physicians are covered by the black hoods of executioners.

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In England as in U.S., government cuts don't come easily

LONDON — It is nice to know a like-minded neighbor, as the resident of No. 10 Downing Street, Mrs. Thatcher, does. At No. 11 resides, because she put him there, Nigel Lawson, chancellor of the exchequer. He is, physically and spiritually, one of her stout supporters. The barrel-chested Lawson moves into a room or an argument like a tank well-fueled with cordite.

Here, as across the Atlantic, a conservative administration has found government harder to shrink than it had supposed. In Britain, Lawson says, there is, for example, a close connection between the construction industry and conservative MPs. Indulgence may not extend to public works. In Britain, too, public works have been ennobled with the title "infrastructure," the better to enable conservatives to look out for "our people."

The Thatcher experiment, like the Reagan experiment which began 18 months later, has cut the rate of growth of government. But Thatcher has a problem Reagan no longer has, and Reagan has a problem Thatcher decided not to have.

Thatcher's problem is high unemployment



George Will

— 13.4 percent and rising in the fourth year of a recovery. Actually, the rate may be 16 percent, counting those who are "employed," but should not be, in overmanned industries and public agencies. But, then, Lawson says, some of the 13.4 percent were virtually unemployed five years ago, when they were on public and private payrolls.

Besides, no one knows how to stimulate the economy and sop up unemployment without re-igniting inflation. Furthermore, Thatcher doctrine is that government has a larger obligation to cure inflation than unemployment because government causes inflation. This violates government's promise, implied in the issuance of currency, to maintain the currency as a store of value.

That of course, will free teachers of the responsibility of disseminating knowledge so they can concentrate on the main business of public education — the training of superior athletes.

But wait, there's more. Coash's performance was preceded by that of another intellectual giant, Rep. Robert Forrey, R-Nampa, says he will introduce a bill doing away with compulsory education.

The real problem with Forrey's move is that it is difficult to fault the logic behind it. After all, good is an education in a state where you can't compete with the state's do-it and still grow up to be a state legislator?

I can't argue with that. He only wants our children to have the same right to ignorance that he so fully enjoyed.

But don't take Coash and Forrey seriously. They are, after all, on the edges of the issues

and do not represent the mainstream of what is about to unfold in Boise. They are merely a sideshow for the main circus.

Let's take a look in center ring. It has been generally realized since November that the radical right has cemented its hold on the state. Gov. John Evans' veto stamp is gone, meaning the mossbacks can act like vandals with an unlimited supply of spray paint.

Given this backdrop, the main event of this week was an unavoidable conclusion. Speaker of the House Tom Stivers was re-elected one of the captains of this ship of fools, and that is as it should be.

True, there were some ugly rumors going 'round that Stivers — chief proponent of the state's know-nothing school of thought — was beatable. I think he might have been had Hermann Goering been available for the job. But under the normal set of circumstances,

Stivers is the man you must pick to superintend the session the next year will bring. He is the ideal figurehead for the headless conservatism that plagues the politics of our state.

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All that remains to be done is to throw open the doors of the statehouse and send in the clowns.

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With veto gone, legislative mossbacks can act like vandals

In the West, you can hear the rumble of thunder; you can see the storm clouds gather. As a famous man once said, "It's a hard rain that's gonna hurt."

Some of our state's more prominent folks last week were rattling sabers, having the moss for their backs cleaned and pressed and drying reason in a deep, deep hole. Such preparations can only signal one thing: The Idaho Legislature is about to begin.

Take for instance the timely appearance of one Leah Coash, patron saint of the reactionary fringe. She pleaded her usual case before the state Department of Education's select committee, which has nothing to do with the Legislature, but she was just warming up. She threatens to lobby for legislation.

Coash, as you probably know, is the leading proponent of ridding our schools of something called secular humanism, a curious sort of invention.



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It cropped up a few years ago when the powers that be decided that the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state meant what it said: Religion will not be taught in schools.

The fundamentalists too wrapped up in their creeds to understand a fundamental American principle decided to counterattack by creating secular humanism, which is defined as everything that is not religion.

What Coash and the folks are trying to do now is have everything that is not religion declared a religion so it too can not be taught in schools.

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Opinion/taxes

Public should back proposal

Ever since Secretary Donald Regan released the Treasury's constructive and research-oriented proposal for individual and corporate income taxes and reduce tax rates, the special interests have been blasting it from all sides.

Nobody bothers to mention the business of the pie that make all these charges look silly.

Take the taxation of business and capital income. Today's tax system is a hodgepodge of preferences that exact high tax payments from some firms and industries and subsidizes others.

All of this would be swept away by the Treasury plan. The depreciation allowances would be sufficient to permit every business to recover its investment in full, even at high inflation rates. Capital gains and interest income would be adjusted for inflation, so that taxes would no longer be levied on illusory income. Half of all dividends would not be taxed at the corporate level. And the corporate tax rate would be cut from 46 percent to 33 percent.

The business world would certainly be different from what it is today, but the change would be all to the good.

The elimination of some personal deductions and the exclusions for some fringe benefits will not hurt

Joseph Pechman

labor. To offset these changes, the personal exemption would be doubled to \$2,000, the standard deduction would be increased from \$2,300 to \$2,800 for single persons and \$3,400 to \$3,800 for married couples, and marginal tax rates would be cut for most workers. On the average, taxes would be cut about a third for taxpayers with incomes below \$10,000, by a sixth for those with incomes between \$10,000 and \$15,000, an eighth for those between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and a tenth for those between \$20,000 and \$30,000. For all taxpayers, the average tax cut is 8.5 percent.

Governors in high-tax states are arguing that their constituents will be losing billions of dollars as a result of the denial of deductions for state and local taxes. This allegation assumes that there would be no cut in tax rates. In fact, the top federal tax rate would go down from 50 percent to 35 percent.

The combined rate would go down from 52.5 percent to 40 percent in a state with a top rate of 5 percent, from 55 percent to 45 percent in a state with a top rate of 10 percent, and from 57.5 percent to 50 percent in a state with a top rate of 15 percent.

Non-profit organizations are saying that the proposed 2 percent floor on the deduction for charitable contributions will discourage philanthropic giving.

The new proposal retains a full deduction for the amount of contributions above the 2 percent of income, thus giving taxpayers a considerable incentive to exceed the threshold.

The federal tax system is unfair, inefficient and complex. There is widespread agreement that something needs to be done to eliminate the distortions and to simplify it. The Treasury's proposal is along the same lines as the Bradley-Gephardt, Kemp-Rosten and other congressional tax reform plans. There is no reason why the differences among these plans cannot be reconciled.

But the steam behind the tax reform movement will evaporate if the general public allows the special interests to take control of the debate. It's time for the average worker, investor or businessman to make his views known. Only then will the administration and Congress listen.

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Plan would most help families, the poor

The Treasury Department's modified flat tax proposal, released last week, reduces tax burdens most for those who need it most: families and the working poor. This aspect as much as any other justifies the program's passage.

In fact, no single group has suffered more from tax increases over the past three decades than families with children. For most low- and moderate-income families, the critical tax benefit is the deduction allowed for each child. This deduction, a full \$600 as long ago as 1948, stands today at only \$1,000.

If this deduction had kept pace with inflation and real income growth, however, it would equal some \$5,600 per child today. Thus, the deduction for children has lost more than 80 percent of its value in the last 36 years — constituting an invisible but insidious tax increase on families with children.

Looked at another way, while real income has risen since 1948, the income of single persons and married couples with no children, they have eaten away about twice that — as much as an additional 10.1 percent — for families with children. Poor families, especially those headed by a single parent, have fared even worse. Their taxes have risen so much that at present a working parent in a family of five, with an income \$2,500 below the official poverty level, may have to pay as much as one-tenth of her income in taxes.

The 1981 tax-rate cuts certainly helped all of these families. But as substantial as they were, they barely offset the inflation-induced bracket creep and Social Security tax hikes already in prospect. And the reduction in the marriage tax penalty, while important, did little to help single-parent and other one-earner families.

By contrast, the present proposal is explicitly pro-family — perhaps more so than any comprehensive tax proposal in decades. Its key features are: 1) a doubling of the personal and dependency deductions to \$2,000 each; 2) a sizable increase in the zeroing-out amount; and 3) indexing of the earned income tax credit for the working poor.

This tax proposal would help families in two major ways. First, it would do what no other tax proposal in recent decades would have done: it would exempt all families in poverty from the federal income tax. In 1986, the poverty level for a married couple with two dependents is projected at \$11,600; under the Treasury proposal, no such family would begin to pay any federal income tax until its earnings reached \$11,600.

The benefits would be even greater for single-parent families. The poverty threshold for a mother with one child is projected at \$7,900 in 1986, but such a person would not begin to pay any federal income tax until her earnings reached \$9,303.

In addition to exempting the poor from federal income taxes, the Treasury proposal would greatly reduce tax burdens for other low- and moderate-income families. Families with incomes under \$10,000 (whether in poverty or not) would receive an average tax reduction of 33 percent. Those earning between \$10,000 and \$15,000 would receive a 17 percent reduction; those between \$15,000 and \$20,000, 12 percent. For other families, the reduction would average around 8 percent.

Such reductions in the tax bite would do more economic good for families — especially those with low

Kevin R. Hopkins

and moderate incomes — than any amount of rhetorical posturing about compassion. While they do not comprise a complete family-oriented social policy in themselves, they are a necessary and admirable start.

The president — who throughout his career has supported pro-family tax legislation, such as the removal, when he was governor of California, of all poverty-level families from the state income tax — should promptly embrace the Treasury proposal and challenge head-on the special tax privileges that benefit mainly the well-off at the expense of average families.

And the Democratic leaders in

Congress: If they are as committed to families now as they said they were last summer in San Francisco, should introduce the Treasury proposal themselves as soon as Congress reconvenes.

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Ex-EPA chief assails critics



WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS Raps environmentalists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists risk destroying the Environmental Protection Agency through their constant attacks, outgoing agency administrator William D. Ruckelshaus says.

Environmentalists also seem to be raising some issues just to keep their movement together, and although it may not have happened so far, could provoke a backlash in public sentiment by tying their groups to the Democratic Party, Ruckelshaus said.

In an interview Friday, the EPA chief said some environmental spokesmen have told him they agree, "which is not what they say publicly."

Ruckelshaus organized the agency in 1970 and led it for its first three years, then was called back to direct the agency again by President Reagan. He is widely credited, even by environmentalists, with settling the agency back on course in 1983 after it nearly sank into chaos in the first two years of the Reagan administration under accusations of mismanagement and improper access for industry.

In the Nixon administration, Ruckelshaus earned wide public trust for resigning as deputy attorney general rather than fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox in 1973. And that trust helped him rally political and public support when he returned to EPA last year.

On Nov. 28, he announced his resignation, saying he had done what he set out to do in an agency about which he felt, as he told EPA employees last week, "There is no more important agency in our society."

In the interview, he tied that period to the future: "The thing that could destroy this agency is... that it's under constant attack from all sides, and that the cumulative effect of that attack is to cause the essential trust of the agency to be so eroded it can't function."

"That was the problem, or the potential problem, when I came back," he said. "The barrage leveled against it (EPA) by environmental groups has not stopped."

"I have talked to them about it, saying, 'It's one thing for you to go after me, or the president, in a political sense. But when you don't distinguish between individuals with whom you disagree or policies with which you disagree and the agencies themselves, and you often don't, you risk destroying the very institutions whose success is necessary for your essential goals to be achieved.'"

He listed only one specific criticism he had in mind, that "superfund" toxic waste dump cleanup program had accomplished little: "Some of these people are working 14, 15 hours a day on these dumps. You're going to destroy the morale of those people and they won't be able to function."

Environmentalists, he said, now may be raising some issues because "it keeps the movement together" after the original goals of cleaning up "gross pollution" have been largely achieved.

"You either kill a movement by giving them nothing or giving them everything," he said.

Lugar plans review of foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says he plans a sweeping review of "all aspects" of President Reagan's foreign policies, including a fresh look at human rights violations in South Africa and other nations around the world.

In an interview, Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, said he wants to restore the committee as an active, forceful influence in examining U.S. relationships with other countries.

"I am prepared to head into a full scale set of hearings on all aspects, the full totality of our foreign policy, sort of lay it out over the first few weeks of this next session, and make some judgments on what our role as a committee might be," he said.

In addition to top administration officials like Secretary of State George Shultz, administration critics will be also asked to testify at the hearings shortly after the new Congress convenes in January.

"We will have some give and take with those who are responsible and others who are pre-eminent in American foreign policy," he said.

Nonetheless, Lugar said he plans no flashy confrontations with the Reagan administration whose policies he generally supports.

But just by having the hearings, Lugar will open the administration to critical questioning from Democratic members of the committee.

One of the first items on the agenda will be South Africa where Lugar said Reagan's quiet diplomatic approach has not been enough to help avert the possibility of "an abysmal civil war that would disrupt that country and our (U.S.) interests."

Last week, it was disclosed that Lugar and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., wrote a letter to Reagan urging the president to put more pressure on the South Africans to begin reforms on the apartheid policies separating blacks and whites. Lugar also was openly critical of Reagan after a meeting with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who plans to travel to South Africa early next year.

"Our policy is kind of ambiguous in regard to South Africa," he said in the interview.

Seaway remains blocked

MONTREAL (AP) — The clogged St. Lawrence Seaway may not reopen until Tuesday, or even later, despite round-the-clock efforts to repair a broken shaft that disabled a lift bridge hanging in the way of shipping, a spokeswoman said Saturday.

"It's not good. There's trouble with the repairs at the shop," seaway information officer Guy Hensley said in a telephone interview from Ottawa.

The broken 24-inch shaft, needed to lift the bridge over the Beauharnois Canal at Valleyfield, Quebec, has stalled shipping since Nov. 21 on the 2,342-mile waterway linking central Canada and the U.S. Midwest to the Atlantic Ocean.

The bridge is stuck part-way up, blocking road and rail traffic as well as the ships, although a detour is available for cars and trucks.

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Schroeder OK; watches basketball

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Artificial heart recipient William J. Schroeder spent Saturday afternoon doing one of his favorite things — watching a college basketball game with his family — as his condition remained satisfactory.

"He's very excited because he's going to watch the IU ball game," said Polly Brown, clinical director of the Humana Heart Institute International. "He's going to watch the whole thing."

Indiana University played the University of Kentucky at Bloomington, Ind.

"He was feeling pretty good," Schroeder's eldest son, Melvin, said Saturday. "He looks toward IU games."

Schroeder's family — his wife, Margaret, and six children — spent a few hours before the game taping network television appearances.

Mrs. Schroeder said the family planned to be together during Christmas.

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Officials identify most of plane crash victims

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The airline on Saturday grounded its planes of the same model as the crashed aircraft.

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Nuclear-powered USS Pittsburgh slides into Thames River

Fast-attack sub launched

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"I'm hopeful that we will maintain the strength of our convictions, secure in the knowledge that only through a strong defense will we maintain the peace," said

George A. Sawyer, now an executive vice president of General Dynamics Corp., parent company of the Electric Boat shipyard where the vessel was built and launched.

The ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 people, some bundled under blankets to keep warm. The Pittsburgh is the first of the 688-class submarines to be fully outfitted with a battery of vertical launch Tomahawk cruise missiles which can carry either conventional or nuclear warheads.

Protests solidify into issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Borrowing tactics from the civil rights movement of the 1960s, activists have turned their opposition to white-ruled South Africa into a post-election issue enveloping President Reagan and Congress.

The "Free South Africa Movement," which started with a small demonstration outside the South African Embassy Nov. 21, has spread to more than half-a-dozen U.S. cities and attracted members of Congress, celebrities, labor officials and black leaders.

At the heart of the movement are demands that the Reagan administration reshape its policy toward South Africa.

Randall Robinson, a principal movement organizer, said Saturday he and others will have a strategy session over the weekend to discuss ways of keeping the momentum growing.

"We'll make some tactical decisions on strategy and expansion," said Robinson, vowing demonstrations will continue around the country "for months."

Also on the agenda for the meeting in District of Columbia Del. Walter Fauntroy's office is how to push through Congress some type of legislation banning new investment in South Africa, Robinson said. Such a measure passed the House last year but died in a conference committee.

Disinvestment legislation is opposed by many U.S. businesses with ties to South Africa, where American investment totals more than \$2 billion.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that a broad "range" of business groups, including officials from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, have agreed to lobby against proposals that would bar U.S. investment or make other restrictions.

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Santa charged for naughtiness

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A shopping-mall Santa Claus has been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for persuading one of his teen-age female elves to pose nude while he videotaped her in a dressing room, police said.

Robert L. Stewart, 30, also was trying to get a 14-year-old female elf to pose naked for him before a video camera, police said.

Stewart pleaded innocent Friday in Lancaster County Court to two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was released on a \$100 signature bond.

Police said they became aware of the alleged videotaping after a 16-year-old told her high school counselor about it. Police said she also reported Stewart's alleged plan to try to persuade the 14-year-old to pose.

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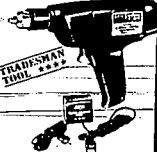
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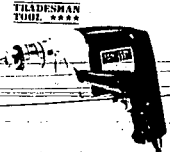


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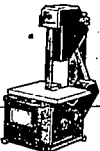
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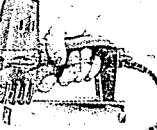
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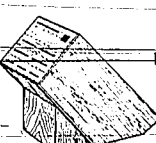
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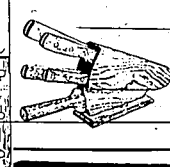
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Body shop employee takes car of O'Connor's out for joyride

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A 1975 Mercedes convertible that was stopped because it had no lights on turned out to belong to actor Carroll O'Connor, TV's Archie Bunker, who had left the car at an auto body shop while he was in New York, police said Saturday.

When officers stopped the car Sunday night, the driver claimed to be an employee of the Los Angeles body shop and said he taken the car without permission for a spin around town, police Sgt. Craig Brown said.

Dean McConnell, 25, of Los Angeles, was booked for investigation of grand theft auto and drunken driving, Brown said. He had been sought by authorities for three years after escaping from a state hospital to which he had been sentenced for extortion, Brown said.



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found the bag and turned it over to police.

Landon, who was filming his "Highway to Heaven" TV series in nearby Sonoma, sent his driver Friday to pick up the pocketbook, disappointing some police employees.

Carter, ex-senator go on annual duck hunt

NEWPORT, Ark. (AP) — In what has become an annual custom, former President Carter went duck hunting with former Sen. Kaneaster Hodges at a private duck blind near Hodges' home here.

Hodges, who was appointed in 1977 to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. John McClellan, said the group had a good hunt. Carter was accompanied on his three-day trip to Arkansas by Jody Powell, his former press secretary who is now a newspaper columnist and television commentator, and Frank Moore, another former Carter aide in the White House.

It was the third straight year that Carter has joined Hodges for the duck hunt. He left the state Friday.

Michael Landon's wife regains missing purse

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — The wife of television star Michael Landon lost her purse when she placed

Stunning recovery for man almost cut in half

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A 76-year-old man who was nearly cut in half by a circular saw and lost part of his intestine has been moved out of intensive care and is eating just six days after the accident, to the amazement of his doctors.

"It really is a miracle," said Dr. Everett Lerwick, chief of surgery at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis County. "This man shouldn't have lived to even get to the hospital. I've never heard of anyone surviving such a wound."

Lerwick said the blade had cut Arthur "Ben" Gross from the left rib cage through the underside of his liver, through many loops of bowel and the artery that supplies his right colon with blood, into his pelvis, through his scrotum and into his rectum. In addition, he suffered bone, nerve and muscle damage to his right arm.

The accident occurred a week ago Saturday as Gross, of Sullivan, was cutting firewood at his son's farm, using a 30-inch circular saw powered by a belt attached to a tractor's power take-off drive shaft.

"All of a sudden, the belt ran off, and I made a grab for it," Gross recounted Friday from his hospital bed. "I was running real fast, and my son said, 'Leave it alone. I'll shut it down.' Then for some reason or other, the belt started wrapping up on the tractor pulley."

"I had a hold on it, and it pulled me into the saw."

The next thing he knew was pain. "I looked down and saw my whole side lying wide open," Gross said. "Then I saw my arm wide open and I thought to myself, 'Oh no.' The pain was so bad that I'd have just as soon have been a goner."

Gross' son called Sullivan Memorial Hospital for an ambulance. As he waited 20 minutes for its arrival,

Gross leaned against the tractor, fully conscious. His condition was stabilized at Sullivan, and he was then flown to Missouri Baptist.

"When he got here, blood was still pouring out of him," Lerwick said. "He was bleeding everywhere and screaming with pain, even though he'd been given Demerol. I don't understand why he hadn't passed out."

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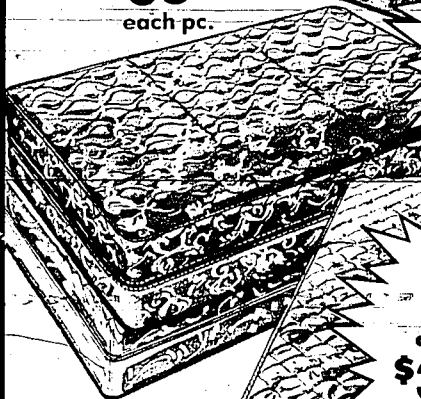
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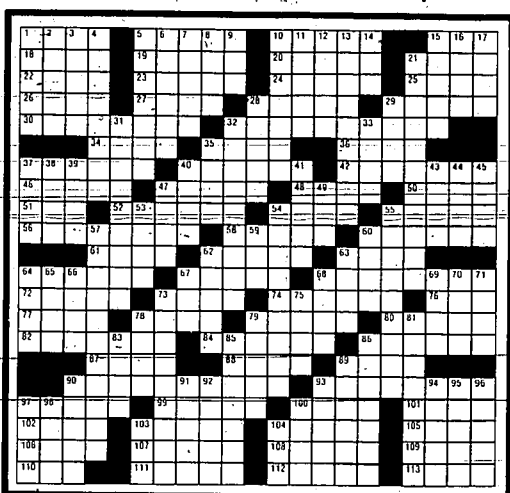
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Famed singer Price to leave stage

NEW YORK (AP) — Leontyne Price sang opera with a rich voice — a glorious, woven tapestry of sound with metal threads shot through it. It was a perfect voice for Verdi.

And it is with Verdi that she will leave the stage Jan. 3 when she gives her final performance. In the title role of "Aida," Miss Price, regarded by many as one of the greatest Verdi sopranos of this century and a star of the Metropolitan Opera for almost 25 years, has announced her retirement from opera.

But the 57-year-old diva from Laurel, Miss., won't be retiring from singing. She will continue to give recitals.

She will star with tenor James McCracken in the Jan. 3 performance which will be shown on TV's "Live From the Met" that night. She will announce her formal farewell in a film to be telecast during the second intermission.

"She is not only a great singer, a great lady and a great colleague, but her career at the Metropolitan has been an important chapter in the history of the American singer," McCracken said Friday in a telephone interview from the Met, where he was rehearsing for the first performance of "Aida" Dec. 21.

"I am thrilled that my return to the Met after six years will be opposite her in the production of 'Aida' that was originally created for us both back in 1976," he said.

"Aida" and Leonora in "Il Trovatore" are considered Miss Price's greatest roles. Some say it was as though Verdi wrote them especially for her voice. She made her Met debut in "Il Trovatore" on Jan. 27, 1961. The ovation lasted more than

40 minutes—one of the longest in Met history. She already had made her opera debut, on television, with the NBC Opera Company, in the title role of "Tosca."

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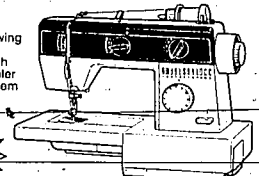
Miss Price once said: "I sometimes put my records on when I'm all alone in the house and I sit on the floor and listen and I say, 'Leontyne, baby, you sure can sing!'"

But Miss Price never sang Desdemona in Verdi's "Otello," although it, too, beautifully suited her voice. In the story, Otello is black and Desdemona is white. She thought a black soprano in the part went too far against the plot.

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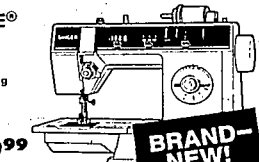
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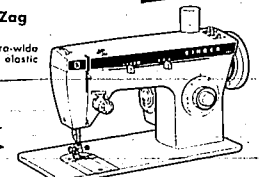
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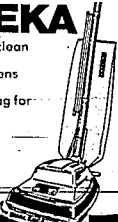


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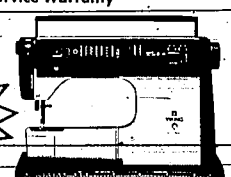
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Victory Tour ends after profits, turmoil

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Five months, 20 cities and nearly 55 concerts after it began, the Jacksons' Victory Tour has lived up to its advance billing as the most elaborate and top-grossing touring rock show ever.

But, notes promoter Don King, "it has also been the most disorganized in history." And when it came to setting ticket prices and divvying up the proceeds, it proved to be one of the most controversial.

King, who conceived of the tour along with Jackson's parents, stepped aside when another promoter, Chuck Sullivan, was brought in. The boxing promoter was called back to take charge when the Jacksons had a falling out with Sullivan that threatened to scuttle the Los Angeles concerts.

By the time the last ticket-buyer pushes through a Dodge Stadium turnstile Sunday night for the 55th and closing performance, it is reported 2.5 million to 3 million people will have heard Michael Jackson and his brothers sing over an 18,000-amp sound system and dance across a dazzling 90-foot-high stage that took 240 people five days to assemble in each city.

Sales of tickets that cost \$30 each (including a \$2 handling charge) are expected to gross \$75-million; many millions more can be figured in for sales of official tour programs, T-shirts, buttons and even aviator sunglasses.

In contrast, the Rolling Stones' 1981 tour grossed \$52 million from the nearly 3.5 million people who paid \$15 to \$17.50 a ticket.

For the Jacksons themselves, the fruits of Victory are reportedly expected to reach some \$50 million. But the sky-high grosses did not make the tour a lucrative undertaking for promoter Sullivan, who is recovering from a heart attack he suffered last month.

In fact, Sullivan stood to lose \$2 million to \$4 million because of higher-than-expected operating expenses of some \$1 million a week and lower-than-expected seating capacity resulting from the huge stage, said Jim Murray, spokesman for Sullivan's Stadium Management Corp.

King said Sullivan repeatedly came to the Jacksons seeking to get a bigger piece of the revenue, and the Jacksons repeatedly gave in rather than create a wave of bad publicity. The financial squeeze led to an



MICHAEL JACKSON
Draws millions to shows

sermonous dispute between Sullivan and King that nearly caused cancellation of the last three shows here. However, the shows went on after a last-minute agreement was reached giving Sullivan all but \$1.5 million of the ticket proceeds.

"With the relief that he (Sullivan) expects to get from this additional weekend, he should come close to parity," Murray said.

But a number of questions and loose ends remain.

Although King and the Jacksons announced the tour — and a \$5 million support deal with Pepsi-Cola — at the height of Michael Jackson's mania in late 1983, Sullivan was brought in as promoter only a month before the Kansas City, Mo., opening on July 6.

The first three dates were not announced until mid-June. Los Angeles fans were kept in suspense for months after the cancellation of an announced September booking at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

There are several lawsuits. The Forum has sued over the canceled dates, two Orange County designers claim the Jacksons made unauthorized and uncompensated use of their ideas and musical-instruments, and Jermaine Jackson contends the tour accountant fraudulently took \$1.2 million in fees.

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World

7.7 million believed stricken by famine

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — The number of famine victims in this East African nation is now officially estimated at 7.7 million — one out of every six Ethiopians, the head of United Nations relief efforts said Saturday.

Kurt Jansson, assistant U.N. secretary-general for emergency operations in Ethiopia, said the new figure replaces the previous government estimate of 6.5 million to 8 million, which was considered too vague.

The 7.7-million figure, released to Jansson by Ethiopia's central statistics office, will be used during a round of talks next Tuesday with representatives of donor nations in Addis Ababa and in debates on Africa's food crisis at the United Nations later this month.

The United Nations is to take up the question of Africa's prolonged drought on Dec. 11 and the next day will focus on Ethiopia, which is among the countries hardest hit by the drought.

The new figure for Ethiopia's victims includes 600,000 who have been severely affected by famine, of whom 50 percent are starving, Jansson told The Associated Press.

Famine victims are considered those who are hungry in the nation of 42 million people, and those who have been forced to relocate or have suffered in other ways because of the drought.

The U.N. official said supplies of relief food are currently tight, but he discounted reports that grain supplies

would run out in the next few days.

He said Maj. Dawit Wolde Giorgis, head of Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, has assured him that the shipment of about 17,000 metric tons of relief stocks now on hand will be expedited to the country's 21 emergency feeding centers. A metric ton is 2,204 pounds.

The 17,000 metric tons is seen as sufficient until shipments totaling 35,000 metric tons arrive in the Red Sea ports of Assab and Massawa between Wednesday and Friday, he said. The new shipments will meet food needs for 12 days, he said. In all, 127,000 metric tons are expected for the month.

International pledges and commitments will be able to sustain famine victims through February, the assistant secretary-general said. But only 1,000 metric tons have been promised for March, he said.

An estimated 1.2 million metric tons is required for the period from Dec. 1, 1984 to Dec. 1, 1985. But only 31 percent has been pledged or committed, Jansson said.

"We are pretty far from the target," he said.

The government has made no estimate of the number of Ethiopians who have died from the drought. Relief workers, who keep counts of the number who die at relief centers, stress that the people who make it to the centers are the hardy ones, and they have no estimate of how many died before they got to the centers.

A Western diplomat who is closely



A man feeds starving children in Assab, Ethiopia

involved with the relief operation has estimated that in 1984, 900,000 people will have died from famine in Ethiopia alone.

The drought has lasted from two to three years in most areas, but some areas have had chronic drought for the past 10 years.

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Marcos bares chest

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos declared Saturday that he was in good health, and bared his chest and abdomen at a Cabinet meeting to show he had no surgical scars.

He said government officials who doubt he is healthy should resign immediately.

Marcos' opponents were not convinced by the president's open shirt act, which was later shown on the government's television station. They criticized the display, saying it was misleading, childish and unbecoming of a president.

It was the first time that Marcos, 67, called his Cabinet together since he dropped from public view more than three weeks ago, triggering rumors that he was seriously ill, had undergone major surgery or was dead.

"If there is any member of the Cabinet who does not believe we can maintain our dominance over the

situation, I think the earlier they get out the better," a presidential news release quoted Marcos as telling the Cabinet.

The release said Marcos directed the comment at Labor Minister Blas Ople, who earlier this week was quoted by the New York Times as saying Marcos could not "take major initiatives at this time" because of illness, but was still "in control."

Ople was not present at the meeting, held in the president's study at the Malacañan Palace, and could not be contacted for comment. Palace sources said Ople was abroad, possibly in the United States.

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How chemical gas produced night of death in Indian town

EDITOR'S NOTE — A city was poisoned in India last week, in a chemical holocaust unprecedented in peacetime history. In the following report, based on interviews with doctors, government officials and survivors, two AP correspondents reconstruct the tragedy.

By HARBAKSH SINGH NANDA and TINA CHOU
The Associated Press

BHOPAL, India — The white death visited the squatter shack of Bimla Devi an hour after midnight. She woke up, startled by the cough of her father-in-law and a strange burning sensation on her eyes and lips. Quickly, her husband ordered her to flee with their only child into the cold night.

Outside, the surrounding slum was already alive with thousands of pounding feet and choking, panicked voices. Neighbors vaulted uncontrollably or clutched at their eyes in pain. People grabbed for their belongings and children.

Bimla Devi, pursued by an eerie, whitish cloud, won the race with death, but when she reached safely the child lay lifeless in her arms. Her husband and the asthma-ridden father he refused to abandon died sometime before sunrise in their simple hut.

The cloud, a lethal gas described as methyl isocyanate, had billowed from a sprawling pesticide manufacturing complex just 50 yards from Bimla Devi's shanty and those of several thousand other impoverished squatters in Jayaprakash Nagar colony.

"Safety is everybody's business," read a sign above the factory entrance. But that night — between 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, and 1 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3 — something went terribly wrong at the

plant, whose majority owner is the U.S. chemical corporation Union Carbide.

Those two hours spawned what was probably history's worst industrial accident. By week's end, the official death toll stood at more than 1,600, with thousands of seriously injured among an estimated 150,000 who sought treatment. The unofficial death count was above 2,500.

A criminal investigation to affix blame has been launched.

Indian officials said Union Carbide's chairman, Warren M. Anderson, who flew to India Thursday from the United States and was briefly detained by authorities Friday, has been accused of "negligence and criminal corporate responsibility," along with local Indian executives of Union Carbide. Anderson was freed on bail.

The Indian minister of chemicals and fertilizer, Vasant Sathe, alleged that the safety standards at the Bhopal plant were inferior to those of Union Carbide facilities in the United States, a contention disputed by company spokesmen. Since the Bhopal tragedy, methyl isocyanate operations have been halted at a similar Union Carbide plant in Institute, W. Va.

Indian officials demanded that Union Carbide pay the same compensation to victims and their survivors as it would pay in the United States.

Different versions have emerged of just what happened here. But some government officials, company authorities, newspapers and survivors agree on the following:

The gas, used in the manufacture of Sevin pesticide, was stored at the factory in a concrete-covered, stainless-steel tank. Conditions were maintained to keep the gas in a liquid state.

That night, the gas came under massive pressure. Safety valves atop one of the 45-ton tanks

were forced open and the gas rushed into a "scrubber" filled with a caustic soda solution that normally would have de-toxified it. But this time the gas surged through unfiltered and spewed out of a vent into the night air.

What sparked the actual build-up of pressure — an unusual chemical reaction, perhaps, or structural defects — is not yet known, or at least not publicly disclosed.

On Friday, Dec. 7, another version of the accident surfaced. A factory union leader, Madanlal Khatni, claimed that the scrubber was under repair at the time, and the leak resulted from a violent chemical reaction possibly set off by water entering the tank.

Government minister Sathe said that shortly before midnight, Dec. 2, workers at the plant noted on a meter that the pressure inside the tank had passed the "permissible limit" and then saw the gas leaking out. A 3-mile-an-hour breeze carried it off.

The workers alerted company officials and sounded the factory alarm at 12:20 a.m. But Bhopal's deputy police commissioner, Maj. Girish Kumar Tiwari, told reporters that two low-level workers at the scene failed to take standard counter-measures, such as hosing the tank with cold water. Instead, they panicked and fled.

Y.P. Ghokale, managing director of Union Carbide India, said a supervisor later hosed down the tank and managed to halt the leak after 45 minutes. Some reports said only a small quantity leaked — leading to speculation that most of Bhopal's 900,000 people would have died if tons of gas escaped.

What followed the apparently complex interaction of technical malfunctions and human error quickly became gruesomely simple.

Death toll climbs to 1,900

BHOPAL, India (AP) — The official death toll from a poison gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant rose to about 1,900 Saturday, and company officials said a technical team was allowed inside the plant to begin an investigation into the disaster.

R.N. Tandon, the chief medical officer of the city of Bhopal, said 300 more survivors of the gas leak were treated Saturday at Hamidia Hospital, the main facility in Bhopal.

Some fetuses had died in the wombs of their pregnant mothers and other victims were treated for eye irritations, epileptic-like fits and vomiting, he said. The official

death toll was at about 1,900, he said. Officials earlier had said 1,600 people had died from the poison gas.

Indian news agencies have placed the death toll from the gas leak at 2,500. Warren Anderson, the Union Carbide chairman who was arrested by police in Bhopal a day earlier, met with the Indian foreign minister, Mahatma Krishna Rao, in New Delhi about the situation in Bhopal, the U.S. Embassy said.

"The latest word is that our technical team and their advisers are in the plant investigating the accident," said spokesman Kurt Mazurek.

Solidarity chiefs released from jail

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Underground Solidarity leaders Bogdan Lis and Piotr Mierzecki were released from prison Saturday and driven to their homes in Gdansk after the chief military prosecutor dropped treason charges against them.

Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa and other members of the outlawed labor union in Gdansk welcomed Lis, the most important union activist who had been kept in Warsaw's Rakowiec Prison after the general amnesty last July that freed 630 political prisoners and thousands of common criminals.

"I'm still very shocked," the 32-year-old Lis said when he was con-

tacted by telephone in Gdansk. "It's not after three months. It is after three years that I'm back home."

Lis, who was driven from the prison to the Baltic port city in a police car, said he was too tired to comment further.

Lis, who represented Gdansk on the Solidarity underground's Temporary Coordinating Commission, went into hiding following the December 1981 military crackdown that crushed Solidarity. He was captured by police last June.

Lis' brother, Waldemar, contacted by telephone, said several dozen Solidarity supporters greeted Lis with a union banner and flowers outside his home Saturday evening.

He said Walesa arrived later with flowers and embraced Lis, a close friend and top aide of the Solidarity leader.

"Bogdan does not look very well," his brother said. "He is tired after a long way home and would like to rest."

Western diplomats in Warsaw said the release of Lis and Mierzecki could lead to a further easing of the U.S. economic sanctions against Poland taken after Solidarity was outlawed following the December 1981 imposition of martial law.

"It has long been believed that Lis and Mierzecki have been considered sticking points in the whole log jam ... and were the last page in the whole amnesty thing."

Greens' alliance a possibility

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — After a day of passionate debate at their national convention, West Germany's anti-establishment Greens compromised Saturday on any future alliance with the nation's traditional parties.

A resolution approved with a show of hands by the 800 delegates said the party of pacifists and environmentalists saw "no possibility" for it to enter a coalition with other parties at the present time.

But it did not rule out such an alliance in the future, which hardliners on the governing board had asked the convention to do.

Arguing that the Greens had grown out of the protest movements of the 1960s, the governing board said the Greens should remain independent.

The delegates then voted down the board's proposal and accepted the compromise.

Earlier, a group of influential members withdrew from the proposal encouraging the party to consider a coalition as a means of gaining a share of power. They said they saw no

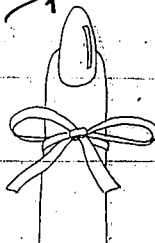
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Delegates had booed and thrown paper wads and soft-drink cans during speeches by two of the main advocates of the coalition proposal, Otto Schill and Joschka Fischer.

"We must not rule out any possibilities for our future," Schill had argued. "That would be un-Green."

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Mitterrand begins tour of Africa

KINSHASA, Zaïre (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand began a week-long African tour Saturday amid growing concern among African nations over the influence of Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy in the region.

Zaïre President Mobutu Sese Seko gave Mitterrand and newly appointed French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas a colorful welcome, complete with dancers, when they arrived in Kinshasa, the first stop of their tour.

Dumas, a personal friend and adviser of Mitterrand, was named on the eve of the four-nation African tour to replace Claude Cheysson as foreign minister.

Cheysson was named a commissioner of the European Community, and French officials stressed that his removal from the Foreign Ministry was not a disgrace.

But diplomats of moderate African nations noted privately that Cheysson was closely linked with French policy toward Khadafy in recent months and his removal was seen as an indication that Mitterrand may now listen more closely to France's African friends in dealing with Libya.

Many of the moderate African leaders have complained about what they viewed as Mitterrand's policy of appeasement toward Khadafy in Chad. The policy is widely seen as inspired by Cheysson.

At the 11th annual summit conference of France and her African friends, due to open Monday in neighboring Burundi, Mitterrand was expected to give a detailed account of the French decision to withdraw the 3,500-man French task force from Chad last month.

The task force was sent to Chad in August 1983 at the request of French-backed President Hissene Habre to halt the advance of Chadian rebels backed by about 5,000 Libyan regular troops.

France and Libya had a year-long standoff in Chad but then announced they had agreed secretly — without Chadian participation — on the simultaneous withdrawal of the armed forces of both countries from the landlocked former French colony.

Slayings spur better care for informers

ROME (AP) — Two slayings in Sicily stemming from mobsters' cooperation with police prompted calls Saturday for better protection of informers and their families against a Mafia intimidation campaign.

Pietro Buscetta, 62, was shot three times by an unidentified man Friday night after he drove home in a suburb of Palermo, Sicily, that is a Mafia stronghold. He was the brother-in-law of Tommaso Buscetta, the jailed mobster whose confessions sparked a major crackdown on the mob beginning in September.

Police and state-run RAI television said Buscetta, the brother-in-law, was not involved in Mafia activities.

Also on Friday, doctors in Palermo's main hospital said Leonardo Vitale, 43, died of gunshot wounds he received last Sunday. During the early 1970s, Vitale became one of the first Sicilian gangsters to cooperate with police.

Investigators described both deaths as "vendetta" killings — by Mafia gunmen.

Palermo prosecutor Giuseppe Ayala said "the only feasible way" to protect "repentant" Mafiosi and their families "is through new laws."

Ayala told reporters in the Sicilian capital that lawmakers in Rome should consider measures similar to those used to protect witnesses against organized crime in the United States. They include new identities and police protection, Ayala said.

Italy's leading daily newspaper, Corriere della Sera, said: "A ferocious-intimidation campaign has been unleashed against the 'repentants' and their families."



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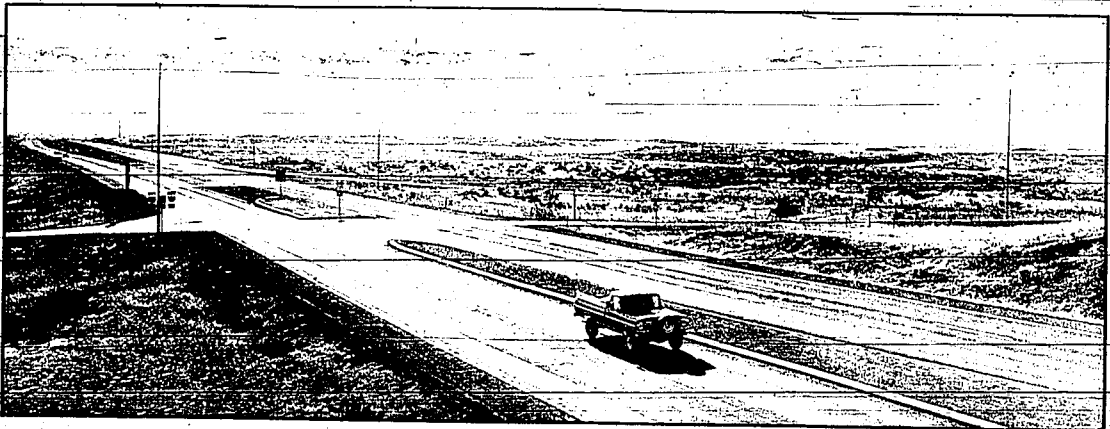
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The land which borders U.S. 93 south of the I-84 interchange may be destined for commercial development and industrial subdivisions in the years to come

Bare-looking land may prove fruitful

Tracts which Gooding firm will receive in swap with BLM boast potential

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sagebrush stretches on either side of U.S. 93 between the Snake River Canyon and Interstate 84. Lava rocks jut out of the soil and there's scant forage for livestock.

But this may be land with a new future, a commercial future that doesn't require rich soil or abundant forage.

The federal Bureau of Land Management, which has held the area in public ownership, now is getting ready to swap 2,185 acres of land there for 5,376 acres of territory in the foothills of the Pioneer Mountains near Halley and Bellevue.

The BLM-owned tracts surround the I-84 interchange with U.S. 93, stretch south about 1½ miles and then head west for a little more than two miles.

The agency would turn over the deeds to a Gooding family corporation called Arkoosh & Zidan, Inc. Started by George Arkoosh and a deceased partner Tom Zidan, it acquired the Pioneer Mountain territory long ago for grazing sheep, but later got out of the sheep business, says Mitch Arkoosh.

The tracts in the Pioneers — and one on the west side of Halley in the Smoky Mountains — are irregularly shaped and scattered over about 50 square miles. But they have the values that interest the BLM, says real-estate specialist Mike Austin. "It's going to block up the BLM land holdings in that area, which would help us in the managing of the public land," he says.

The trade also includes a private road up Slaughterhouse Creek from Bellevue, which could provide better public access into some of the back country for sightseeing, hiking and other activities (a few foothill peaks are involved). Some acreage offers good sheep grazing, and wildlife habitat, are prevalent along Slaughterhouse Creek and in some gulches, says Austin.

It's a good chunk of the great outdoors for the BLM, he says.

In contrast, the agency sees little public value in keeping the acreage north of Twin Falls.

"Basically, that area down in there is hard to manage," he says. "The main use down there is livestock grazing and it's been burned every year (by wild fires.) It's marginal for grazing use."

"It's just an area that we really just don't want any more," Austin says.

The BLM began trading off land in the vicinity earlier this year, when a group of 14 investors — most of them farmers — took title to 135 acres on the west side of U.S. 93.

The proposed swap with Arkoosh & Zidan would place most of the rest of the area in private control. The major exceptions are a half-mile buffer zone north of the Snake River's spectacular canyon and a mile-square section between the property and the canyon which is held by the State of Idaho.

The BLM is retaining its land to the east, while the land to the west of the proposal is private.

The accompanying map shows the bound-

aries of the proposal. The rectangle in the center indicates the 135 private acres, which are owned by the Thorn Creek Cattle Association. The rectangle to the west is a BLM-owned site used by the state highway department for roadbuilding materials. Neither area is included in the trade.

Actually, the exact specifications of the trade are not yet known, says Austin. BLM appraisers have yet to value the parcels near Halley and won't be able to get that done until spring.

Trades are made on a dollar-for-dollar basis — not acre-for-acre — so the appraisals will dictate how much property eventually gets swapped.

"I could get anywhere from 100 acres to 2,000 acres, depending on what their appraisal turned up," Arkoosh says.

Although Mitch Arkoosh, his three brothers and others in the Arkoosh family have not started drawing up plans, they'll be selecting their land based on its development potential, he says.

The highway frontage could be suited for commercial development, while portions further back might be adaptable for an industrial subdivision, he says. A residential development could fit on the western end of the proposal.

"It could be very lucrative," says Arkoosh. "In any event, if we decide to sell it, it's much more saleable than grazing land, particularly in a depressed agricultural economy."

Planning officials in Jerome County agree. Back in 1978, they zoned the land from one-

quarter to three quarters mile (depending on location) either side of U.S. 93 for commercial use. They also backed up the commercial zone with an industrial zone off the west side of the highway, says planning and zoning administrator Al Hepworth.

Jerome County would encourage development there, says commissioner Carl Butler. "It would be good to put some type of retail development in that would extend the tax base and improve the (county's) economy," he says.

Really professionals also see the land as ripe for development. But they aren't thinking necessarily about shopping strips or large retail complexes. The development most likely would be tied to the traffic now flowing over the high-volume roads, I-84 and U.S. 93.

Don Sandy of Shoshone, who chairs the Thorn Creek Cattle Association, says his group already has done a feasibility study. It shows the seeds of a development similar to the travel service complex that has grown off the main interstate exit at Mountain Home, which contains the Gear Jammer truck stop.

"We tried to compare and we think we've got just as much potential and probably more," Sandy says. They are trying to market the land to developers.

"Our original plan was to develop... but it isn't progressing as fast as we have hoped. We have people working on it," he says. "We think it has great potential; it's just a matter of getting it moving."

Ray Sabala, partner in Sabala and Roy
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Taxes, canyon make land unlikely for Twin Falls annexation

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the land north of the Perrine Bridge is passed to private ownership and developed as planned, it would seem a natural extension of the city of Twin Falls' commercial expansion toward the north.

But even so, there is little likelihood that it will ever become part of the city.

The problem is not crossing county boundaries — other Idaho cities, such as Burley, have done this. The problem would lie with state tax laws and the natural barriers of the

canyon.

Decisions about annexing any property are up to the city council, says Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney. But he predicts that the development would have to be extremely large to tempt the council to consider crossing the canyon with city boundaries.

"It would ultimately depend on the dollar," Courtney says. "Under current tax laws there is no incentive for annexation."

State law limits tax collections to a 5 percent increase each year. Even though the tax base would broaden, taxes could still rise only 5 percent. At the same time, the city would have to expand services, an undertaking that would

likely cost more than the 5 percent increase in taxes allowed each year.

There is a special provision for excessive growth that cities can use under limited conditions. But the annexation and its development would have to increase the tax base by \$20 million a year — about the value of the city of Kimberly — for that to generate more money for the city than the 5 percent increase allowed, Courtney says.

The council would have to consider if the additional tax money would cover the costs of extending city services across the canyon.

The city has been more likely to contract

limits than to annex the property in recent years, Courtney says.

But even that would not be likely for the land across the canyon. The area would already have protection by the Jerome County Sheriff's office. It is also covered by a volunteer fire department.

Twin Falls' lack of interest in annexing the land should be good news to Jerome County residents, if they agree with Jerome County Commissioner Carl Butler.

"I think Twin Falls should stay on the south side of the river and we should stay on the north side," he says.

Variety offered at Renaissance Fair

By RICK SHAUGHNESSY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The 10th annual Renaissance Fair, which closed Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho, brought together the handwork of about 30 artists and craftsmen from as close as the CSI campus and from as far away as the Greek Island of Mykonos.

Peter Apostol, who spends five months of each year in the United States and seven months in Greece, brought dozens of Greek-made sweaters of hand-spun yarn to this year's two-day event.

The American-born son of a Greek fisherman,

Apostol's sheep's wool wares were made by members of his family in much the same way his family has made them since the middle 1800s. The crew-necked, loose-fitting sweaters come in a variety of pastels and earth tones.

The money is used to pay for students' scholarships and for an annual trip by the club to San Francisco. While the crowds at this year's event were steady, Steel says, they weren't up to past years' levels.

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Department and Art Club, which receive 25 percent of the proceeds from the sales of pottery, clothing, sculpture, paintings and other offerings, says CSI arts instructor Lavar Steel.

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period, bringing with them special foods and entertainment. Among the past entertainers were minstrels, puppeteers and story tellers.

"It was a very festive time," says Steel.

He says the event was started 10 years ago as area artists and craftsmen sought an outlet to display and a market for their wares. The fair found a home in a couple of downtown businesses before it made its way to the college, he says.

"We have always had good prices," adds

Steel, whose own stone-ware creations caused more than one buyer to snatch them up for Christmas.

Vehicles banned from elk range

FAIRFIELD (AP) — Snowmobiles and other motorized traffic will be prohibited from part of the elk winter range within the U.S. Forest Service's Fairfield Ranger District.

Heavy snowfall in the mountains north of Fairfield has forced the elk to move to lower elevations on the South Fork of the Boise River and its tributaries.

District Ranger John Madden said.

With deep snow expected to keep them there through the winter, the animals will be fed at several sites designated in an Idaho Fish and Game Department winter feeding program.

Officials say the vehicle ban that takes effect Monday is needed because the noise of equipment forces elk to move through deep snow in an effort to escape the disruption. Each escape effort uses energy the elk need to survive the winter.

Closure signs will be posted one-half mile east of Snake Creek Guard Station, at Couch Summit and on Little Smokey Road.

Swimming pool survey deadline approaching fast

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you have not mailed your swimming pool survey back to the city council, you have little time left.

City staff members plan to have the results of the survey tabulated in time for the city council work session Monday at 4 p.m.

Response to the survey has been good so far, says city manager Tom Courtney.

By Friday morning the city had received

about 1,400 marked surveys, or 38 percent of those sent to registered city voters.

The survey, on a stamped, addressed post card, asks voters if they would support a bond issue of \$700,000 to \$800,000 to combine with city funds for a swimming pool costing \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.

If they support the pool, they are asked whether they would like it at Harmon Park, the YFCA or a new park site.

"Harmon Park is the traditional location for a swimming pool," according to information

mailed with the survey card. But the pool would probably displace recreational facilities, must be built on a grassy area used for soccer and football or a practice diamond south of the lighted baseball diamond.

The YFCA has discussed selling or leasing land northeast of the Y building to the city, according to information mailed to voters. That location would allow the pool to be built in the Harmon Park area without overcrowding the park. However, a flood plain crossing the land could increase construction costs.

The third option, construction at a new park site, could be the corner stone of a new recreational area for the city. That would alleviate overcrowding at Harmon Park and Frontier Park, but no location for the new park has been picked yet.

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Shoshone officials call consolidation a must

By JANENE BUCKWAY
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Shoshone school district officials believe consolidation of the Shoshone, Richfield and Dietrich districts is needed to assure a quality education for its students and to keep much-needed land within the district's tax base.

The issue came before the Board of Education in Boise this week when four parents asked to be removed from the Shoshone district so their children could attend either Minidoka or Dietrich schools.

Jack Godfrey, Larry Gillette, Gall Van Tassell and Paul Robertson, all residents of the Hidden Valley-Kimama area of eastern Lincoln County, made the request Thursday.

State School Superintendent Jerry Evans told the parents and representatives of the school district the matter would be taken under advisement and discussed again in 30 days.

He asked the Shoshone, Dietrich and Richfield districts to prepare statements on the proposed consolidation.

Shoshone district attorney Fred Decker told the board that "consolidation is the only rational, long-term solution to the problems of these petitioning parents and their children as well as all other Lincoln County residents, taxpayers and students."

Shoshone officials say the quality of educational programs is their primary concern and that the district cannot afford to give up the amount of valuation represented by the petitions and still maintain its programs.

According to state board figures, the four petitions affect 26 students and 11 pre-school or potential students.

The petitions also represent a loss of \$6,688,873 in assessed property value to the Shoshone district. The total figure also includes the loss of \$34,444 of Shoshone's already slim \$2.5 million bonding capacity and a potential loss of \$26,756 in facilities funds, along with the annual tax collections and another approximately \$7,700 annually in Idaho Power operating property tax.

The 26 students in question would represent a loss to Shoshone of two state support units, or approximately \$53,000.

The Shoshone district declared a state of financial emergency in October 1983 and has cut its teaching staff. The district also is facing

serious building problems, including an earthquake-damaged gymnasium and leaking roofs.

District Superintendent Tim Adsit said the requests by the four petitioners represent "the biggest financial decision to face this district, and the results will affect the area for years to come."

In his recommendation to the state board, Decker said that "loss of funding to the Shoshone District will have a severe adverse impact on the district's ability to fulfill its obligations to the children of the district."

Shoshone School Board Chairman Rusty Tevis told the state board that the Shoshone district had already contacted Dietrich and Richfield proposing the districts hold joint meetings to discuss a possible consolidation.

In recommending that county residents be allowed time to study the feasibility of consolidation, the Shoshone proposal notes that Dietrich has a fund reserve balance of \$172,676 and Richfield has a reserve balance of \$285,921, while Shoshone is trying to resolve a deficit situation, ending the 1984 fiscal year \$30,000 in the red.

Dietrich School Superintendent Wayne Peron told the state board that in the past seven years it has been common for some Dietrich resident students to attend schools in Shoshone and some students residing in the Shoshone district have been allowed to attend school in Dietrich without any transfer of funds or tuition as required by state law. In fact, he said, both districts have taken buses

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Technology plant to be at full strength

Fire had struck plating area of Glenns Ferry structure

By DIANA HOOLEY
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — The Idaho Circuit Technology plant will soon be working at full capacity after a fire extensively damaged the plant's plating area last month, said plant manager Bill Lindner.

Lindner said the ICT plant, which makes circuit boards for computer hardware, is repaired, and new equipment will be arriving Monday for the projected Dec. 17 reopening of the plating area.

The plating area, the largest room in the building, is where circuit boards are coated with various metals and given chemical baths to remove silkscreen images of the circuitry, Lindner explained.

He said most of the equipment in the plating area is made of polyvinyl chloride, a type of plastic.

"So, when the fire got hot," said Lindner, "the equipment just melted."

Some of the equipment which had to be replaced included a \$40,000 etcher and 40 to 50 bathing tanks valued from \$600 to \$2500, he said.

Lindner said the final tally for the fire damage has been projected up from the original figure of \$300,000 to about \$450,000. ICP arranged with the insurance company to utilize the plating area employees for the repair and restoration of the building and to prevent any lay-offs, said Lindner.

During the restoration period, Lindner said the plating portion of the circuit board manufacture was contracted out to Astro Circuit of Logan, Utah. That way, ICP was then able to fulfill all its contract obligations to other firms, he said, and in fact, has received new contracts since the fire.

"Our contractors were very considerate of our situation," said Lindner. "In fact, they rearranged some of their scheduling to give us a little extra time to meet our



Idaho Circuit Technology's main room, which sustained most of the damage, is still being rebuilt

obligations after the fire."

ICP owner Larry Heath said the fire, which was started when two electrical wires began arcing, was an expensive one. However, he said there's no guarantee a similar situation wouldn't arise in the future.

"But, we're looking into pur-

chasing a fire alarm system which will automatically dial emergency number 911 or putting in a ceiling sprinkler system," Heath said.

He said the plant is already equipped with a 14,000-gallon supply of water, part of which is used as a diluent for chemicals. He said the possibility of a fire getting hot

enough to burn off the 9,000 gallons of water under the floor of the self-contained plating area was remote.

He added that as long as some of the toxic chemicals used at the plant are combined with water, the danger of chemical fumes endangering the community would

not be a problem, either.

Heath said he feels satisfied with the plant's recovery and is looking forward to expanding the workforce by spring. The number of ICP employees totals 24 full-time workers now, and by May, that number should increase to 50, he said.

Sun Valley, company to seek option tax deal

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The city of Sun Valley will attempt to reach an agreement with Sun Valley Co. that will allow it to keep collecting its local option tax during an appeal of a recent court ruling that says the tax is invalid.

However, the city and the company, which won the judgment Nov. 23, are not optimistic they can reach an agreement as the city of Kelchum tentatively did with its lodge and bar owners Wednesday.

Mayor Ruth Lieder says the city will not make a deal with the company to collect a tax lower than the 5 percent tax on short-term room rentals and lounge drinks now paid by customers at hotels and bars owned by the

company.

To do so would be unfair to the city's other businesses who would still be collecting the 5 percent tax, she says. Also, the city ordinance creating the tax does not allow the city to lower the amount, she says.

Meanwhile, Sun Valley Co. general manager Wally Huffman says he has no desire to collect the 5 percent tax.

However, Huffman says he is willing to listen to what the city has to say about an agreement, but does not think there is "much of a middle ground" on which one can be made.

"It would be very difficult for me to change course (on the direction of the company's lawsuit)," he says. "I think the course is pretty much set."

The company filed the suit in the fall of 1983 and won the judgment two weeks ago. The city is appealing the order by Judge George Granata Jr., which says the city must stop collecting the tax from the company.

Granata will rule Friday on a motion by the city to stay the order during the appeal so it can continue collecting the tax.

If the judge rules the city must stop paying the tax, the company will not have to pay the tax at least this winter until an appellate court can rule on the city's appeal.

Despite a chance Granata will stay his order pending the appeal, City Attorney Mark Russell says he prefers to have an agreement with the company when the motion is heard rather than to take a chance on an unfavorable ruling against the city.

"My experience is that if you have a stipulation, as long as what you agree on is legal, the judge is more likely to go along with it," Russell says.

He says he is optimistic the judge will make a ruling in line with any agreement the city might be able to make with Sun Valley Co.

Lieder says she called Huffman Friday to talk about a possible agreement.

But, she says, the city has had an invitation to the company since May to discuss the lawsuit and a possible solution to the city's tax structure that would be satisfactory to the company and city.

However, she says, the company has not cooperated.

"The lines of communications have always been open, and they've been renewed,"

Lieder says.

Huffman was out of town on Friday when Lieder made her call and did not immediately respond.

Huffman has said that it has been the city and not the company that has failed to find a solution to their differences.

If the two warring parties cannot reach an agreement and Granata rules the city must stop collecting the tax, the city will have to make sharp cutbacks in employees and services.

The city has delivered termination notices to six of its 15 employees as part of a contingency plan to save \$475,000, the revenue it stands to lose for the remainder of the fiscal year. The staff cuts include two police officers, one maintenance person,

Airline appealing settlement

Sierra Pacific calls judgment from crash excessive, blames jury

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — The award given by a jury to two passengers injured in a 1983 airline crash near Hailey is being appealed because the airline says it is excessive.

Sierra Pacific Airlines says Fifth District Judge Douglas D. Kramer should have reduced the \$2.25 million judgment given to Cherie Sorla of Sun Valley and Bernard Ryan of Australia because the jury appeared to have acted with "passion or prejudice" in making the award.

The jury ruled on Oct. 16 that Sierra Pacific was solely responsible for the in-flight failure of the plane's control system because of poor maintenance and inspection. The loss of control forced the plane to crash while on approach to Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey on Feb. 15, 1983.

In making its judgment, the jury awarded Sorla \$1 million and Ryan \$500,000 in general damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages to be split between them. However, the airline says the award is excessive and does not reflect the victims' actual losses or suffering caused by the accident.

Testimony in the trial did not show that the two passengers had any permanent injuries or long-

term loss of income that would merit the award given, Sierra Pacific says.

But, "the award is so excessive as to give the appearance that the high round figure was reached by a jury acting under the influence of passion or prejudice," Kramer had a duty to lower the amount of the award, the airline says.

Sierra Pacific also is appealing the month-long trial on two other grounds.

The first is that Kramer failed to give detailed instructions to the jury concerning punitive damages.

Under Idaho case law, the airline argues, punitive damages are given as a deterrence rather than a punishment. Kramer, it says, failed to make that distinction in his instruction although Sierra Pacific had requested it.

Therefore, the airline says, the jury was left with the impression that "the defendants could be punished by the imposition of punitive damages."

Kramer's failure to make that distinction should overturn the verdict, Sierra Pacific says.

The airline's third reason for appealing the verdict is the court's failure to disclose to the jury what it calls "secret agreements" among co-defendants in the case with Sorla and Ryan.

Along with Sierra Pacific, Sorla and Ryan sued the aircraft's manufacturer, DeLavilland of Canada, Transwestern Airline, for which the plane was being operated under contract, and Western Aircraft Maintenance, which maintained the Boise-based plane while away from its Tucson, Ariz., home base.

The two defendants had entered into secret agreements with DeLavilland and Western Aircraft Maintenance, Sierra Pacific says, and it requested those agreements be made known to the jury. That request was denied.

The court's failure to disclose them to the jury prevented Sierra Pacific from having a fair trial, the airline says.

Sorla and Ryan were two of the six passengers aboard the DeLavilland Twin Otter aircraft when it attempted an emergency landing on Highway 75 just north of Bellevue while on approach to the Hailey airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board ruled that one of the plane's flight controls had been improperly installed and had come apart during the Boise-to-Hailey flight, causing the plane to go into a nose dive over Bellevue.

The plane landed out of control on the highway, caught its right wing in the snow bank beside the road, did a cartwheel and broke apart.

The pilot, co-pilot and all but one of the passengers were injured. No one was killed.

Group to protest water, sewer fees

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News writer

HAILEY — A group of Hailey businessmen and builders plan to protest recommended city water and sewer hook-up fees which are higher than those of a Fifth District Court judge ruled illegal.

Resident Ned Loomis says other residents and members of the Wood River Homebuilders Association plan to take their protest to the Hailey City Council at its meeting Monday at 7 p.m.

Loomis says the group believes the fees being recommended by the city engineering consultant, J-U-B Engineers, will make residential development in Hailey unaffordable to working-class families.

"I'd like to build some homes up here and build them so people can afford them," Loomis says.

In a study on the cost of operating and replacing the city's water and sewer system, J-U-B recommended hook-up fees of

\$1,415 for sewer and \$1,494 for water for new construction.

The cost is based on operation and maintenance costs, bond retirement and depreciation of the two systems.

The recommendation would raise the combined cost of both hookups nearly \$1,000. Still, J-U-B says the fees will have to be supplemented by either a bond or grant for the city to replace them at the end of their useful lives.

A group of developers, including Loomis, won a class-action suit against the city earlier this year for the water and sewer "system development fees."

District Judge Ronald Bruce ruled the fees are illegal because they are nothing more than a tax with no relationship to the service provided.

The city recently agreed to repay \$200,000 to developers to settle the suit.

To development fees used for expansion of the systems as well as for their operation and

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Evans seeks treaty for salmon control

BOISE (AP) — Saying Idaho has as much to lose as coastal states, Gov. John Evans on Friday urged the United States and Canada to sign a salmon conservation treaty.

Evans said the treaty, blocked the past few years by Alaskan fishing interests, would add a regional effort to restore Columbia and Snake river chinook salmon and other species.

The restoration effort involves Idaho, the states of Washington and Oregon, the Northwest Power Planning Council and Indian tribes along the Columbia River.

Evans said chinook produced in Columbia River basin streams and

hatcheries are harvested mainly by fishermen in British Columbia and Alaska. A salmon treaty between the two countries to control that harvest has been under discussion for 15 years, but no agreement has been reached, he said.

"Idaho's interest in this treaty is clear and compelling," Evans said. "Our goal is to return a total of 100,000 natural and hatchery produced chinook to state waters. However, without an agreement to limit British Columbian and Alaskan harvests, most Idaho-sponsored fish will never make it back."

Negotiations on a treaty began Dec. 3 in Vancouver, B.C.

Sugar-Salem students make potato harvest break pay off

SUGAR CITY (AP) — A school district survey indicates 751 students in the Sugar-Salem District waste the two-week school-break they get during the potato harvest.

This year's survey indicates district students earned \$127,108 in the potato harvest this fall, up more than \$15,000 from the year before.

Each year, the district takes a survey to determine whether to continue the two-week break from classes, so students can help in the

Utility sues over damages

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Power Co. has filed a \$620,000 lawsuit against an insurance company over a claim for damaged towers and lines.

The 4th District Court lawsuit stems from a July, 1981, accident north of Burley in which six power-line towers collapsed during a construction project, and two miles of copper conductor was destroyed.

The lawsuit alleges the Insurance Company of North America has failed to pay Idaho Power's claim for the damage.

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into the other district to transport non-resident students.

Adsit agrees that these things have taken place in previous years but says "that was the past."

"This board (Shoshone trustees) feels the issue needs to be properly resolved," he said.

Some of the petitioners told the state board they are making the requests now as a result of a letter sent by the Shoshone district in August advising them that since they live in the Shoshone district, Shoshone would make arrangements to serve them with bus transportation.

Adsit said he was notified of the Hidden Valley student situation by Darwin Anderson, an official in the Minidoka district, and wrote the letter advising the patrons that the district was willing to serve them and to let them know their options.

"I did not tell them attendance at

Shoshone was mandatory, but I did say that because we were willing to serve them we would not allow another district's buses to serve the area and we would not pay tuition to the other districts for their children," Adsit said.

The letter, dated August 23, tells the patrons they could attend Shoshone, make arrangements for transportation and pay tuition to the district of their choice, ask the other districts to waive the tuition, or seek annexation to another district.

In his petition to have his land added to the Minidoka district, Godfrey said he has been sending his children to that district and paying their tuition. Although it is 23 miles to Shoshone from the Godfrey home and more than 30 miles to Minidoka schools, Godfrey said he feels the county roads into the Minidoka area are safer and better maintained than the road to Shoshone.

The Godfrey petition affects six students, four of whom have been attending Dietrich schools.

Call Van Tassel told the board she does not want to be victimized by the Shoshone district's petition for children to continue attending school in Dietrich and feels it is safer to travel toward Dietrich and Shoshone rather than into Minidoka.

Larry Gillette also told the board he feels the roads are better towards Shoshone and that it is closer to go to Shoshone than Minidoka, while it was closer yet for his children to attend Dietrich.

Robertson told the board he transports his children four miles to

the Minidoka district-boundary so they can be picked up by the Minidoka bus. He said his children have attended school there since kindergarten.

The petitioners also indicate they have commercial, religious, social and political ties to communities other than Shoshone and that the problem is essentially one of isolation created by distance and geography. In recommending the 90-day study period, the state board noted there was a lack of consensus even among the petitioners as to a solution to the problem.

There are approximately 390 school-age children in Shoshone, 220 in the Richfield district and 150 in Dietrich.

Fees

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maintenance. Bruce ruled that expansion of the systems must be done through a revenue bond and the fees, therefore, were actually an unauthorized tax.

The new fee structure would replace the old fees, but would not be used to expand the system.

The fees structure the city still collects, but has developers sign a statement saying they will not sue the city, are \$975 for water and \$950 for sewer with a \$50 inspection fee for each.

Mayor Wordell Ratney says the city council has not yet established any new connection fees for the water or sewer

systems, but it will discuss the J-U-B study at Monday's meeting.

A public hearing has not been set on the fees as yet, he says.



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Wednesday: Special students choice.

Thursday: Fish sandwich and tartar sauce, buttered corn, fruitcup and milk.

Friday: Turkey gravy over whipped potatoes, cheese wedge, hot rolls and milk.

Monday: DIETRICH

Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Cheese melts, tater tots, pickles, cherry pie and milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger patties, potatoes and gravy, peas, apricots, cookies and milk.

Thursday: Chili beans, crackers, cookies, fruit and milk.

Friday: Christmas dinner: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, jello salad, green beans, hot rolls with butter, pumpkin pie and milk.

Monday: RICHFIELD

Enchiladas, corn bread and fruit.

Tuesday: Taco salad, fruit and choc. cake.

Wednesday: Tuna casserole, bread and butter, peas and fruit.

Thursday: Sandwich bar, salad bar and crisp.

Friday: Goulash, rolls and butter and green beans.

Monday: TWIN FALLS

Beef, taco, shredded lettuce, tomatoes and cheese, cinnamon roll, chilled peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Sloppy joes, pork and beans, cool fruit jello, ranchero cookie and chocolate milk.

Wednesday: Sausage pizza, buttered green beans, garlic bread stick, chilled peaches and milk.

Thursday: Corn dog, tossed salad with dressing, jo potatoes, vanilla pudding with vanilla wafers and milk.

Friday: Chicken pizza on a whole wheat bun, special sauce, tater tots, pickles, banana half and milk.

Monday: CAUSA

Beef taco, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit cobbler and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit cup, peanut butter fudge, hot roll and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, veggie sticks, cherry cobbler, hot roll and milk.

Thursday: Baked potato special, hot roll and milk.

Friday: Oven fried chicken, potato tri-patt, fruit salad, hot roll and milk.

Monday: GOODING

Barbecue pork with a bun, french fries, carrot sticks, cookie and milk.

Tuesday: Taco, corn, veg. sticks, cinnamon roll and milk.

Wednesday: Fried chicken, french fries, cole slaw, bread and peanut butter and milk.

Thursday: Hot dog and a bun, macaroni and tomatoes, cinnamon twist and milk.

Friday: Buttered fish, tater tots, hot roll and butter, banana pudding and milk.

Monday: WENDLE

Wraps, scalloped potatoes, fruit, salad bar and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, fresh fruit, rolls and milk.

Wednesday: Bar-b-que pork sandwich, french fries, carrot and celery sticks, blueberry pie, (no salad bar) and milk.

Thursday: Tacos, buttered corn, chocolate pudding, rolls and milk.

Friday: Chili, cornbread, green salad, applesauce, cookie, (no salad bar) and milk.

Monday: MURTAUGH

Beef and noodles, cheese sticks,

green salad, french bread, apricots and milk.

Tuesday: Weiners-choose, sour kraut, buttered broccoli with cheese sauce, hot rolls, applesauce and milk.

Wednesday: Cooky choice.

Thursday: Pocket sandwiches, carrot sticks, corn, peaches and milk.

Friday: Pizza, green salad, pineapple and milk.

Monday: BLAINE

Taco with beef-tomato, cheddar cheese, lettuce, glazed sweet roll, applesauce and 2 percent milk.

Tuesday: Finger steak with roll, rice with butter, green peas, sliced peaches and 2 percent milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger with bun, sliced chili pickles, french fries, half of an orange and choc. or 2 percent milk.

Thursday: Corn dog or burrito, diced carrots, sliced peas, raisin p-nut cup and 2 percent milk.

Friday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll with butter, green beans, jello with fruit and 2 percent milk.

Monday: JEROME

Spaghetti with meat sauce, beans parmesan, pineapple slices, bread sticks and milk.

Tuesday: Pigs-in-a-blanket, tater tots, fresh fruit, dried cookies and milk.

Wednesday: Chili and crackers, carrot sticks, applesauce, cinnamon rolls and milk.

Thursday: Open menu.

Friday: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, broccoli, normandy, biscuit, cherry crisp and milk.

Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peaches, muffin and milk.

Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, tater tots, buttered green beans, cookie and choc. milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, green salad, peas, bread sticks and milk.

Thursday: Chicken fillet, french fries, fruit cocktail, roll, brownie and milk.

Friday: Fish burgers, green salad, buttered corn, cookie and milk.

Monday: BUIH

Burrito with chili, Grated cheese, fruit and cookie.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit and cherry buns.

Wednesday: Hamburger pizza, crisp cut potatoes and buttered peas.

Thursday: Link sausage, tater tots, orange slices and blueberry muffins.

Friday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, buttered carrots, fruit lece and choc.

Monday: SHOSHONE

Hamburgers, lettuce and tomato, fries, veg. stick, fruit dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Enchilada, Casserole with sour cream, hot vegetable, cake, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Chili, crackers, celery, fruit, cinnamon roll and milk.

Thursday: Sloppy joes, tater tots, green beans, fruit and choc. milk.

Friday: Pizza, green beans, fruit, cake and milk.

Monday: HAGERMAN

Corn dogs, tater tots, peas, banana bread and milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger and bun, french fries, fruit choc. pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Chili and crackers, green salad, applesauce, custard and milk.

Thursday: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, hot roll with butter and milk.

Friday: Finger sticks, french fries, peaches, hot roll with butter and milk.

Monday: VALLEY

Taco, lettuce and cheese, tater tots, corn, cookie and milk.

Tuesday: Ribbites on a hot dog, bun, french fries, apple crisp and milk.

Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, apple sauce and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, buttered sticks, peas and milk.

Friday: Deli sandwich, potato salad, cookie, apricots applesauce, cinnamon rolls and milk.

Monday: HANSEN

Egg rolls, fried rice, oriental vegetables, fruit cup and milk.

Tuesday: Tacos, tossed green salad, tapaca pudding with fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Weiners and Kraut, buttered corn, poor boy cookies, peas and milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, buttered green beans, hot rolls with honey butter, plums and milk.

Friday: Chili - crackers, celery sticks, caramel peanut butter rolls, applesauce and milk.

Monday: KIMBERLY

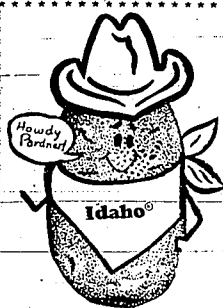
Burritos, green salad, buttered carrots, bread sticks, pineapple slice and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit salad, salad bar and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, buttered peas, chocolate pudding and milk.

Thursday: Hot dogs, mustard and catsup, tater tots, buttered corn, cherry cobbler and milk.

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Childrens' benefit show criticized for not knowing where funds go

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A benefit magic show for abused or retarded children has been drawing criticism from Idaho Falls human service agency officials, who say they don't know where donated money will go. United Benefit Fund, an Idaho, Oregon and California firm, is scheduled to hold the benefit Jan. 31 at the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium. UBF activities also have drawn fire in Boise, where the Better Business Bureau issued a press release sharply critical of the fund.

"The BBB later met with the group and said it appeared to be willing to comply with the bureau's standards. Del Brewster, executive vice president of The Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, which serves as the local BBB, fund officials after he received calls of concern from several United Way agencies. He said the fund officials referred his questions to their attorney.

"I don't know if they're being deceptive, they don't want to talk to us or they're being overly careful," Brewster said.

Reporters' calls also have been referred to UBF's attorney, David Sasser of Boise.

"It's none of their business," Sasser said Friday about requests for information on where the money raised by the magic show will end up.

"If the charity itself wants to tell you, that's their business. If they don't, that's their business. If they can't tell, these are legitimate people. They're not shysters," Sasser said.

Leonard Waters of the Bonneville Association of Retarded Citizens said

he thought United Benefit Fund is a legitimate charity.

But BARC had to withdraw its sponsorship of the show because agencies receiving United Way funds aren't supposed to be involved with telephone solicitations. UBF is contacting people by phone.

"I had been unaware of that requirement," Waters said.

He said he had reached a verbal agreement with the company, about sponsoring the event, but he hadn't had a chance to talk about how the gate would be divided.

Ken Thornberg, director of the Boise Better Business Bureau, said a lack of information about where the money was going to go from similar events in the Boise area was one of the reasons he issued a statement describing UBF's activities as an of-

fensive "boiler room" promotion.

After meeting with UBF officials Wednesday, Thornberg said he prepared another statement saying the company appeared to be willing to meet Better Business Bureau standards about solicitation drives.

Sasser and UBF officials rejected the release, saying it wasn't enough of an apology for the original press release.

One bureau standard says the sponsoring local agency and UBF should split the gross \$500 after entertainment expenses are deducted, and that UBF share shouldn't be more than 35 percent of the gross receipts.

"We feel organizations should receive a certain share because of the value of their image and name," Thornberg said. "They wouldn't be able to sell tickets without the name."

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Envirosafe officer's views criticized

BOISE (AP) — Owyhee County's environmental officer, Charles Scott, is misrepresenting data on soil contamination at the Envirosafe Services, Inc., hazardous waste dump site, a federal official says.

Charles E. Findley, director of the Hazardous Waste Division of the Environmental Protection Agency's Seattle regional office, said Scott is doing the public "a great disservice" by raising unnecessary alarms about Envirosafe.

"His methods of communicating his conclusions to the county officials, the media, and the public are overly sensational and result in alarming the public where no such alarm is called for," said Findley, in a letter this week to Rep. Larry Craig.

Craig has been critical of EPA in recent months for not aggressively pursuing complaints of soil and water contamination from Envirosafe's Owyhee County facility near Grand View.

Scott could not be reached for comment Saturday on the EPA report to Craig.

Findley said so far, there is no test data or information to indicate there's a problem.

He said the EPA requires Envirosafe to make full tests around its Grand View site, to determine whether there is any underground contamination. Company officials have alleged repeatedly that there is no sign of contamination and little likelihood of it because of the geology of the waste disposal site.

By the end of this month, Findley said, EPA expects to get Envirosafe's report on groundwater. "We expect that no firm conclusions will be reached before the end of February, although we will strive to do so as rapidly as possible," Findley's letter said.

Scott said on Nov. 21 that tests of water from six monitoring wells show increasing contamination of groundwater for 15 manmade chemicals that are found in waste buried at the site.

Findley disputes the report.

"While we cannot say there is no contamination until the work is complete, there is no

positive proof that even one, let alone 15, manmade chemicals are contaminating the groundwater," he said.

Findley said test data indicates minute quantities of some materials. But the amounts involved are so tiny that they could come from laboratory test equipment or sampling procedures.

He compared contamination, expressed in parts per billion, as roughly equivalent to one drop of water in a typical backyard swimming pool full of water. Comparing the first step to the number of steps it would take to walk from Boise to New York and back 75 times.

Findley told Craig that Scott has misrepresented test data to produce preconceived results.

"In short, we cannot agree that there is any contamination or trends with the current date. Further, it appears that Charles Scott has intentionally selected data out of context to support a pre-conceived conclusion," Findley said.

ISU project to examine population

POCATELLO (AP) — A new research project at Idaho State University is going in for nose-counting in a new way.

The new Idaho Population Project, funded by a grant from the ISU University Research Committee, will take in-depth looks at the state population, and will serve as a clearinghouse for information already available.

"Since Idaho's greatest resource is its people, there should be a place within the state university system

where the study of Idaho's inhabitants is conducted on an ongoing basis," said Idaho Population Project's first newsletter.

ISU history professor Ronald Hatzenbuehler and Paul Zelus, assistant professor of sociology, will oversee the project.

For the first year, research will collect data on Idaho population for the last century and at present. It will prepare historical and contemporary data for computer-assisted analysis, and will promote the Idaho Population

Project as data archives for statewide interest groups and organizations.

Hatzenbuehler's "Science and the Art of History" classes for the last 10 years have been transcribing the 1880 Idaho territorial census into a machine-readable format. The 1900 census will be processed the same way.

Sponsors said the project may produce information allowing county planners and personnel departments of large corporations to make accurate population projections.

Cage match to benefit sick youths

BOISE (AP) — Corporate executives and state legislators are teaming in an effort to raise money for children who face huge medical bills. And House Majority Leader Jack Kennevik says the effort hopes to produce \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Last year, legislators played business leaders here in a benefit basketball game that raised nearly \$5,000. The money was used to benefit two Idaho children facing major surgery, T.J. Davis and Cody Taylor.

It turned out so well, that Kennevik said Friday it will become an annual event, funding the new Idaho Children's Emergency Fund.

Boise corporate executives Fred Humphreys, Idaho's First National Bank; Gerald Rudd, Albertson's, Inc.; and Kirk Sullivan, Boise Cascade Corp., will serve with Kennevik and Boise pediatrician Thomas Tilden to screen claims against the fund.

"It will be there to help take care of especially needy parents, who need

real help to defray medical costs," Kennevik said.

The benefit basketball game will be played as a preliminary to the Boise State-Idaho State Big Sky Conference basketball game Feb. 1.

Boise State Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier said the school was happy to cooperate by offering the use of its Pavilion for the game. And Kennevik said with a full house expected for the basketball game, up to 12,000 persons, a lot of contributions might be expected.

Old drugs seized from store

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — State law enforcement officials announced Friday they seized nearly \$400,000 worth of old and outdated drugs, including heroin and opium, from the basement of a Coeur d'Alene pharmacy this week.

Wayne Longo, supervisor of the Coeur d'Alene regional office of the state Department of Law Enforcement, said some of the drugs no longer are used by pharmacists and still, most are dangerous, have a high potential for abuse and are very valuable on the street market, Longo said.

He said confiscated drugs, some dating back to the early 1900s, included pharmaceutical heroin, opium powder and liquid tincture of opium. Also seized were amphetamines, barbiturates, morphine, embutal, secenal, clodine, cocaine and methadone. All the drugs were extremely pure, Longo said.

Officers were tipped off to the existence of the drugs through work on other investigations. The arrest of a suspect Monday led to authorities to Woodcock's Pharmacy, where the drugs were gathering dust in the basement, Longo said.

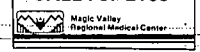
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Ice jam forms near Salmon

SALMON (AP) — Cold weather has caused an ice jam to form on the Salmon River downstream from the town of Salmon, threatening a repeat of the floods that ravaged the area last winter, the National Weather Service says.

"There is no flooding at this time, but there should be no problems along the Salmon River for at least a few more days," a Weather Service statement said. "Weather conditions will permit the jam to continue to

build."

Weather Service meteorologist Les Collin said precipitation and below-freezing temperatures forecast for this weekend should enlarge the jam, moving it closer to Salmon.

Collin said the temperature is expected to rise slightly on Monday, however, which might break up the ice jam.

Flooding usually hits Salmon when the ice jam reaches the town, said Jack Weigand, a civil defense direc-

tor in Salmon.

Weigand said only favorable weather would spare the community from a flood on the scale of January's, when an ice jam clogged the confluence of the Salmon and Lemhi rivers.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been studying flood problems around Salmon, but a report on how to handle the problem has been delayed until March.

Farm Bureau supports Swan Falls agreement

MOSCOW (AP) — The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation has gone on record in support of the Swan Falls agreement intended to resolve much of the dispute over competing demands for Snake River water.

The agreement drawn up between the state and Idaho Power Co. was endorsed at the bureau's annual meeting held Monday in Moscow.

Bureau President Tom Geary of Burley said Idaho Power may end up gaining the most benefit from the agreement, but nonetheless, it is a more attractive option than taking the water-rights issue to court, with an uncertain outcome.

"The agreement, subject to action by the 1985 Idaho Legislature, is intended to settle the long-running controversy over demands on water for hydropower generation, farming and other uses."

have established new restrictions on future entrance of aliens, and would have set penalties for employers of unauthorized foreign laborers.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spokesman Bill Whitton said farmers were concerned the bill would impose stiff penalties on those who unknowingly made illegal hires.

Another resolution passed at the Moscow convention pledges support for the phasing-in of what Geary called a "market-oriented" 1985 national farm bill.

"That means to let supply and demand create the price of farm goods and not have government subsidies to the extent we have today," Whitton said. "Subsidies should be phased out."

Geary also said the bureau will monitor any legislative proposals for shifted tax loads that would burden agriculture and business in Idaho.

Voters at the convention also passed a resolution urging Congress to implement what the bureau calls a guest-worker program allowing alien laborers to work in the United States for up to six months.

The American Farm Bureau Federation and its Idaho branch refused to endorse the unsuccessful Simpson-Mazouzi bill that would have legalized the status of thousands of aliens, many of the them Hispanic farm workers. The bill also would

Whitton said some 300 delegates attended the four-day annual meeting. Those who carry majority of their income from farming are eligible to vote.

Voters elected three persons to the Idaho bureau's board of directors.

They are Rayola Jacobson of Grand View, Earl Christensen of Declo and Glen Altman of Grangeville. Ms. Jacobson replaces Alva Tish of Greenleaf. Christensen succeeds Bob Simpson of Carey, and Altman will assume the position held by Orville Kosen of Lewiston.

The bureau's newly chosen Young Farmer and Rancher chairman is Steve Alkele of Moore, who will hold a board position in his new role.

Complaint against collection agency

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's Department of Finance has filed legal action against the operator of a Payette collection agency, alleging the company was closed but Idaho clients did not get their money back.

The civil action was filed in Idaho's 4th District Court against Bruce P. Miller, Ontario, Ore., said Finance Director Thomas McEldowney. The action seeks an injunction against Miller and appointment of a receiver for the closed Payette agency.

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Reports say campaign's end increased Hansen's debts

BOISE (AP) — The final weeks of his unsuccessful bid for an eighth term saw Republican Congressman George Hansen fall another \$48,000 in debt, according to campaign finance reports.

Between Oct. 17 and Nov. 28 Hansen ran his campaign debt from just under \$60,000 to nearly \$108,000 as he tried to pull off a political miracle in winning the election after being convicted on four felony counts of falsifying financial disclosure statements.

The official canvass showed Hansen losing to Democrat Richard Stallings by 133 votes out of more than 220,000 votes cast, and since then a partial recount of 38 of the district's 451 precincts has increased that lead to 151 votes.

Both Hansen and Stallings reported spending right at \$300,000 in the bitter campaign across southern Idaho, but Stallings managed to raise more than \$291,000 in contributions while Hansen's campaign fund took about \$90,000 less.

During the weeks leading up to the election, Stallings pumped another \$72,000 into the campaign, nearly half of that in radio and television advertising. Hansen's last days' charge approached \$100,000. Half the incumbent's final week's expenses went for advertising as well.

Stallings, the Rexburg college professor who avenged a 7,200-vote loss to Hansen in 1982 on Nov. 6, had been leading the flamboyant Republican in fund-raising throughout the campaign and continued to do that in the final weeks.

During the latest reporting period, Stallings showed contributions of nearly \$67,000 while Hansen collected less than \$56,000.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee announced only a few weeks before the election that it planned to pump more than \$40,000 into Hansen's flagging campaign, but those funds have yet to show up on Hansen's reports.

There are, however, ways in which the committee could have spent money to indirectly benefit Hansen that would not have required to be reported.

In the 1st District congressional race, incumbent Republican Larry Craig, the easy winner of a third term over Democrat Bill Heller, reported spending a total of nearly \$228,000 in this year's campaign, almost a quarter of that in the final weeks.

Heller, a Coeur d'Alene businessman who has said he may challenge Craig again in 1986, received an extension on the time to file his report. Earlier, reports, however, saw Heller being outspent eight-to-one by Craig.

Advertiser insists potato growers can profit from name recognition

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Commercial for Idaho potatoes will continue to chip away at the state's neighboring competitors because surveys show Idaho growers can profit from their name recognition, an advertising specialist says.

Public opinion surveys last year showed that rice and pasta pose some threat to the potato industry, but Idaho potato growers have more to fear from russet potatoes grown in states closer to markets, said Randi Pines, account executive for the San Francisco advertising firm of D'Arcy-MacManus & Masius.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Potato Growers of Idaho on Friday, Pines said Idaho enjoys a much stronger identification with baking potatoes than Florida does with oranges or Washington with apples.

More than 80 percent of those surveyed picked Idaho as the potato

state. Recognition levels for Florida oranges and Washington apples are below 40 percent.

But the Idaho potato's visibility has not always translated into sales, she said. Many people thought all russet potatoes were Idaho potatoes, even russets grown in Wisconsin, Washington and Oregon.

To draw the distinction, recent marketing efforts by the Idaho Potato Commission have begun adding "genuine Idaho" to logos appearing on shipping cartons and in magazine advertisements.

"Potatoes from other states only border on the delicious," says one ad that appears in publications distributed to restaurants and other segments of the food-service industry.

Another ad, featuring a potato head wearing sunglasses, describes "how to tell an Idaho from an imposter."

Discussions with restaurant buyers indicate that most think Idaho has a better potato, but that shipping costs play a factor in their purchases, said Jim Drake, account executive for the W.R. Drake advertising firm in Boise. Baked potatoes with toppings head the list of menu items that are growing in popularity, Drake said.

Within a few months, the commission's advertising team will make tiny plastic flags available for restaurants to stick in baked potatoes to proclaim their genuine Idaho potatoes, said Gordon Randall, the commission's executive director.

Randall said Idaho has many competitors that are becoming aware of the benefits to be derived from image building and advertising.

University of Idaho research efforts are aimed at improving the Idaho russet to maintain the state's position as the industry leader.

First nuclear reactor research tests scheduled to start Monday at INEL

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A precedent-setting nuclear reactor research project opens at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near here on Monday.

It will be the first total systems reactor experiment that will damage nuclear fuel rods intentionally and release fission products from the fuel, according to officials of EG&G Idaho, the prime INEL contractor.

The tests are scheduled at the Loss of Fluid Test facility, which has been conducting a long series of experiments on what happens when nuclear reactors lose the water or other coolant used to cool reactor cores.

The test is aimed at producing information on the release and

transport of fission products for actual reactor accidents where coolant is lost. The information will be used to review licensing criteria for nuclear power plants.

Experiment planners believe that current licensing criteria are extremely conservative, EG&G officials say.

The LOFT facility is designed so all radiological material released during the experiment will be confined within the reactor's primary coolant loop and a suppression tank.

More than 50 similar experiments have been conducted at LOFT since 1978.

During the test, valves will be opened to simulate a large break in

the primary coolant system. Emergency core coolant injection, which normally would begin automatically in case of an accident, will be intentionally delayed for the tests. That will deprive the core of coolant, and cause core rods to heat beyond normal operating temperatures.

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Prostitution case closer to court

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"It's the first prostitution case I know of, and I was born here," said Public Defender Nick Chenoweth of Orofino.

Chenoweth is representing Roland B. Maxfield III, 21, of Peary, who is charged with a felony count of acting as a pimp for 22-year-old Misty Mason. Maxfield pleaded innocent Thursday during arraignment before District Court Judge Ron Schilling of Lewiston.

Ms. Mason, of Elk River, who is free-on-bond, pleaded innocent to a charge of prostitution, a misdemeanor. Her trial was set for Feb. 6.

The two allegedly established a "joint venture" out of an Elk River motel, according to court records. Authorities investigated after a tavern owner complained about the two allegedly soliciting business in her bar, according to a court affidavit.

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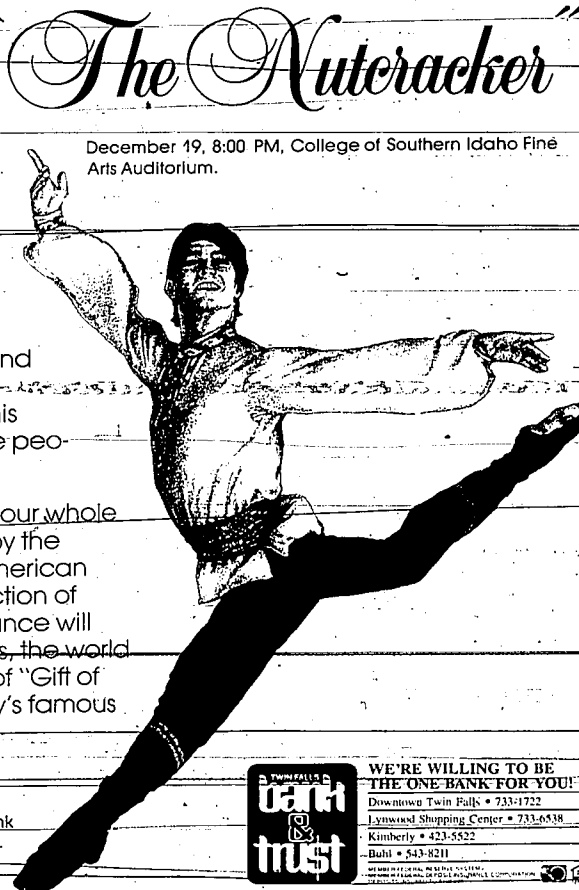
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Boise officials deny racism

PENDELTON, Ore. (AP) — U.S. Immigration officials and employees have denied that they singled out Hispanics for detention and questioning just because of their race during raids in Ontario.

In testimony Thursday and Friday in a trial in Pendleton, workers at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Boise defended their actions during two raids this year at Murakami Produce Co., an onion-growing plant, and the Gonales-Torres, a tortilla factory.

The six plaintiffs, who are Hispanic, are either U.S.-citizens or aliens properly registered to work in the United States. They claim their interrogation was based solely on their race, and that there was no probable cause to believe a crime had been committed.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which contends U.S. citizens were illegally detained, has said a ruling in the plaintiffs' favor would be a landmark decision. The ACLU has contributed \$5,000 toward the plaintiffs' expenses.

J. Kent Nygaard, a criminal investigator for the INS, is the principal defendant. He said the INS was acting on several tips when the agency decided to raid the two businesses.

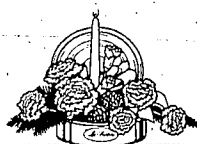
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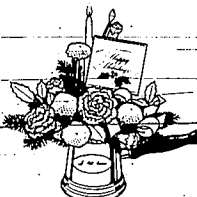
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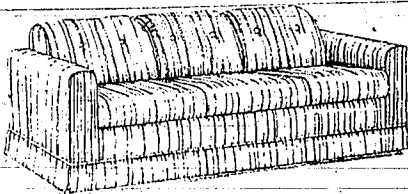
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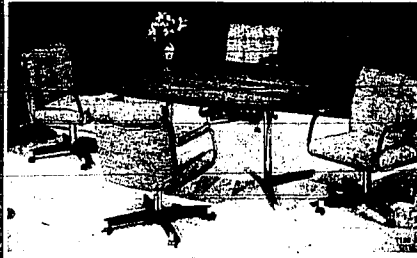
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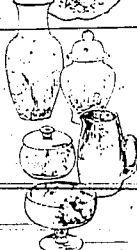
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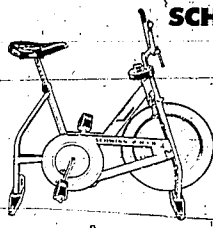
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake City day-care center has filed a notice of intent to sue the Salt Lake Police Department for \$500,000 for releasing the results of an investigation to reporters.

The notice, filed by attorney Arthur Strong on behalf of the Moecker Day-Care Center, said the reports subsequently were broadcast and published and led to negative publicity that forced the center out of business.

The Moeckers seek \$500,000 in damages.

The notice, which named Police Sgt. Judy Dencker, was filed with the Salt Lake City Council in compliance with a Utah law that requires such notice before a public agency can be sued.

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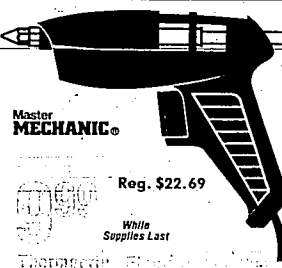
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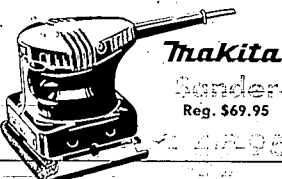


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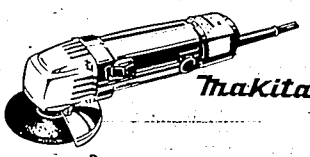
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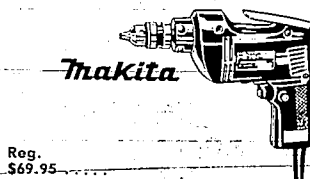
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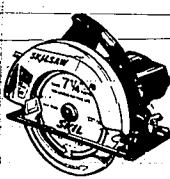


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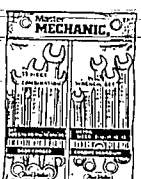
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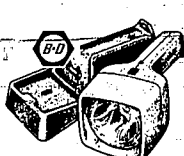


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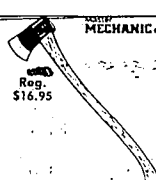
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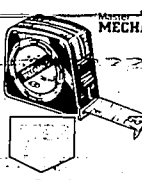
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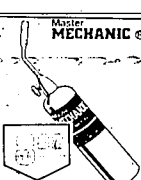
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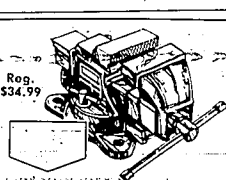
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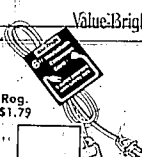
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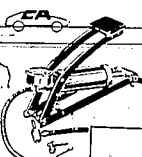
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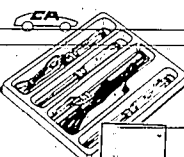
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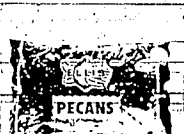
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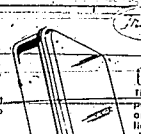
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Searching for a gift doesn't have to be hard

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "The world is so full of a number of things."

"I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

Robert Louis Stevenson's well-known lines probably were not meant for the Christmas shopper. But anyone able to read and hear — let alone brave walking through stores — this time of year would readily admit to the super abundance of merchandise.

The problem for most Americans is the mind-boggling "number of things," and with such a complexity of choices, people who are procrastinators may now be panic-stricken to realize Dec. 25 is only two weeks away.

To help readers find that "just right" gift, the Times-News made random phone calls to area stores and conducted informal interviews with local residents this week. As our list of suggested gifts grows, the need to make the gift to the interests and needs of the recipient become apparent.

Idaho wine, for example, makes a fine gift for someone who likes wine, but is unappreciated by a non-drinker. And even the most beautifully illustrated book is of little value to someone who never reads.

People with special interests and hobbies usually are easier to shop for, but the person "who has everything" still has to eat, so how about giving a gift package of famed Idaho spuds? This is especially nice for someone who lives out of state. The Rolland

Jones firm in Rupert ships their 10-pound boxes all over the continental U.S. as well as Hawaii and Alaska for \$15.95.

Another type of gift which "says something about Idaho," according to Betty Zuck at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, is silver jewelry made in Silver Valley near Kellogg, available in several local jewelry stores.

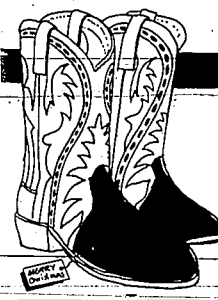
And, for a special gift from Idaho there are commemorative belt buckles made by a small firm in Craigmont. They are decorated with elk, mountains and other Gem state symbols. Only a certain number are produced each year and the earliest ones made are reportedly worth \$1,500 now, Zuck says.

An inexpensive but fun gift for those old enough to remember the illustrated address are posters of Marilyn Monroe clad in a burlap potato sack. They're available at the chamber of commerce, the only place in the state offering them, for \$1.50 over the counter or \$3 if mailed. There's been a brisk demand since they became available last spring.

Food items, such as nuts and cheeses, are appropriate for all but the strictest dieters.

At Vera's World of Foods on Oakley Avenue in Burley, one can buy imported Italian fruitcake which is so new it's not yet available even in Italy. It costs \$14.95 per pound and is available in half-pound boxes for \$7.49. The Burley store also has imported candy, and customers can make up their own gift-box of cheese logs and other edible goodies.

While sweets are firmly rooted in



holiday traditions, many people would prefer something without calories. But, if you have a chocolate addict on your list, you can get chocolate truffles at Accents, in the new Blue Lakes Plaza in Twin Falls, or pick out your own selection of homemade candy from Fredericksens in downtown Twin Falls.

Boxes of candy are becoming an increasingly popular holiday business gift, more acceptable than wine because it can be more widely shared. Gift certificates have long been a reliable gift staple in a whole spectrum of items, from clothing stores to restaurants. But if the person doesn't need clothes and dislikes eating out, get a gift certificate for long distance telephone calls. Just about everyone likes to talk — especially to distant children or grandchildren.

For the culturally inclined, gift certificate arrangements can be made at the Renaissance Academy of the Arts in Twin Falls for either season tickets or a smaller block of time.

You can also give a santon to your favorite person, or a massage or aerobic lesson. All from New Beginnings in Twin Falls. They and most other beauty shops also offer gift certificates for all traditional salon services, including facials.

Or, give a pedicure from the Stylist. And for \$35 you can give a gift certificate there for "solar" or acrylic nails, a fairly new item. And, the very latest thing is something called French dipping, a new technique for protecting and strengthening fingernails.

There's no end of things to buy for sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts. A popular item is polypropylene underwear which, according to Floyd Hazen, Blue Lakes Sporting Goods owner, "transmits water quickly so it's good to wear it next to the skin." He recommends wearing cotton over the underwear, useful for all winter sports activity.

There are float tubes for fishermen and smokers for those who smoke fish and game or use in barbecuing. Small propane portable heaters, suitable either for home use or hunting and fishing, also are popular.

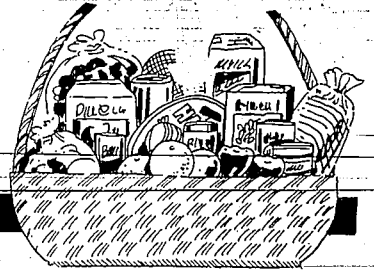
Hazen also suggests a nice gift for children or teachers is a raised relief map of either Idaho or the U.S. The raised contours of the mountains make geography easy to visualize, he says.

Games and books, which have been around for centuries, outlast many of the endless array of mechanical toys which are so highly advertised.

Despite consumer appetites whetted to increasingly sophisticated electronic machines, persons on limited budgets should remember that some children might still enjoy such old-stand-bys as checkers, parcheesi or chess.

It's possible someone may still be without the popular Trivia games, but Judy's Book Store in Twin Falls has another interesting game called Book of Runes, once played by the Vikings, who reportedly used it as an alphabetic script and also to foretell the future.

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Don't forget the unfortunate

TWIN FALLS — An important part of Christmas for many people is remembering the unfortunate. This year, with national media attention on the extensive starvation in Ethiopia, spending less on unneeded gifts and more to help others seems especially appropriate for Americans.

Two of the best known and respected humanitarian organizations which have long handled relief are CARE, Box 13140, Philadelphia, Pa., 19101, and the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, (the United Nations Children Emergency Fund,) whose address is Box 3662, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163.

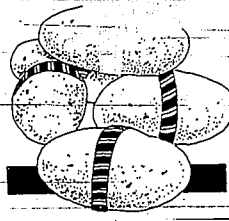
Protestant churches work through Church World Service, Eighth Floor, 475 Broadway Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115, and donations can be sent there also.

Catholic Relief Services is the Catholic national counterpart, but Fr. Perry Dodds says his St. Edward's parish is going to make a "second collection" for Ethiopian relief before Christmas which he is going to send directly to the Pope.

Just feel the Pope may have more influence in getting the food distributed," he said. Areas residents may send checks made out to St. Edward's Catholic Church, Box 272, Twin Falls, and earmarked for Ethiopia.

While conditions in the Magic Valley are not drastic, there still are many adults and children right here who will not have warm clothing or a Christmas dinner unless those more fortunate share their blessings.

Each year in Twin Falls the Salvation Army coordinates food baskets, assisted in the effort by many organizations and individuals. Names of families needing assistance can be given to either the Salvation Army or the Community Action Agency.



Join Santa's helper program for nursing home residents

TWIN FALLS — Santa's helpers are needed to help make Christmas brighter for residents of Skyview and Hazelde nursing homes.

Readers are asked to select a number listed below and deliver the gift to the nursing home nursing station or office by Dec. 20.

All gifts should be wrapped and labeled with the number and content of the package. They will be distributed to all nursing home residents on Christmas morning.

After selecting a number, helpers should call Shirley Harris at 733-7232 Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and evenings after 6 p.m. She is coordinating the project to avoid duplication. She requests no Sunday calls.

HAZELDE
1. Pre-shave lotion, cookies, man's socks size 9-11; 2. Vaseline lotion, perfume, body lotion; 3. Body lotion, perfume, body powder; 4.

Vaseline lotion, sponge rollers, perfume; 5. Leg warmers, warm slippers size 8, hair barrettes.

6. Perfume, jewelry, Vaseline lotion; 7. Sponge rollers, leg warmers, knee socks size 8-9; 8. Perfume, jewelry, body powder; 9. Needlepoint, cookies, body lotion; 10. White cotton anklets size 7-8; hard peppermint candy, perfume.

11. Leg warmers, body powder, bright neck scarf; 12. Long sleeved warm nightgown, small size, sponge rollers, necktie; 13. Vaseline lotion, cookies, perfume; 14. Knitted bootie slippers, medium size, body lotion, dusting powder; 15. Vaseline lotion, earrings, fancy hairnet.

16. Body lotion, white knee socks, size 7-8, perfume; 17. Ladies hankies, candy, dried fruit; 18. Sponge rollers, bracelet, Vaseline lotion; 19. Dusting powder, stationery, body

lotion; 20. Poetry book, Shower to Shower powder, sponge rollers.

21. Pre-shave, soft candy, deodorant; 22. Perfume, Vaseline lotion, candy; 23. Perfume, leg warmers, lapel pin; 24. Leg warmers, cotton knee socks, size 8, hairnets; 25. Stationery and stamps, heavy hairnet, candy.

26. Perfume, jewelry, knitted slippers size 7; 27. Red lipstick, perfume, cookies; 28. Women's hankies, lotion (Ponds), Shower to Shower powder; 29. 36-C bra, slippers size 8, body lotion; 30. Dark-haired cuddly baby doll, jewelry, candy.

31. Vaseline lotion, dusting powder, dried fruit; 32. Neck scarf, lapel pin, body lotion; 33. Ponytail holders, hair ribbons, white knee socks size 7; 34. Cotton dust size 14, Shower to Shower powder, chocolate candy; 35. Warm knee socks, size 8, knitted high top slippers

size 9, body lotion.

36. Vaseline lotion, comb and brush set, 37. Shower to Shower powder; 37. Postage stamps, typing paper, men's socks 9-11; 38. Women's sweater, medium size, chocolate candy, leg warmers; 39. Vaseline lotion, soft cookies, knitted high top slippers; 40. Vaseline lotion, perfume, soft cookies.

41. Vaseline lotion, dusting powder, malted milk balls; 42. Bath powder, Kleenex; 43. Sponge rollers, perfume, perfume, romance books; 40. Knitted booties, large, Vaseline lotion, body powder.

51. Stationery and stamps, postcards, cookies; 52. Hankies, body lotion, perfume; 53. Terry cloth slippers size 9-10, dusting powder, scenic book; 54. Handkerchiefs, pre-shave lotion, cookies; 55. Leg warmers, sponge rollers, dusting powder.

56. Effortless jewelry, knitted slippers size 8; 57. Soft candy, pre-shave lotion, after-shave lotion; 58. Vaseline lotion, perfume, lapel pin; 59. Cotton duster, large; pink fingernail polish, romance books; 60. Knitted booties, large, Vaseline lotion, body powder.

61. Writing material, stamps, perfume; 62. Soft cookies, body lotion, women's hankies; 63. Hair barrettes, body powder, body lotion; 64. Religious picture, perfume, body lotion; 65. Kleenex holder, perfume, cotton duster, medium.

66. Body lotion, hair yarn, small doll; 67. Powder, hair pick, cotton duster, small size.

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Talented tandem creates unique holiday decorations

By CAROLYN MILLER
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Judie Reeder and Gwen Gano are magicians in the yuletide season, turning grapevines, weeds, thistles and yards and yards of material into beautiful, unique holiday decorations.

Every original creation is hand-made by this talented pair and specifically designed for their customers, whether it be an order for a life-size crèche or a decorative wreath.

Eight years ago, Reeder, a commercial artist and graduate of Utah State University, asked Gano to assist her in decorating the store of a local merchant for the Christmas season.

"I had been commissioned to decorate several business firms, and the projects were getting larger than I could handle alone," said Reeder. "Gwen was my next-door neighbor, as well as my good friend, and I knew she liked to design and make things. So I asked her to help."

"We have been working together ever since, and having lots of fun," she says.

The women begin taking Christmas orders in August and September for the holiday season. Most of their business is comprised of customers they have had over the years, but they do approach new prospects each year with an idea

they have put together.

"Judie and I present a proposal to our prospective customer with their specific decor in mind," says Gano. "We also choose a color scheme that includes items that can be purchased separately, or as a total package. Whatever our proposal may be, we create it specifically to suit our customer's home or business."

For example, in decorating Joy Aslett's home this year, the pair carefully chose unique items to complement crystal and brass items in the home.

The centerpiece and tree will all reflect the elegance of shimmering gold, Reeder explains. "The Christmas tree balls are of soft muted gold, while the decorative ribbon is a sparkling gold mesh, she says.

Even the grapevines have been dipped in bruen glass to reflect light and create an illusion of sparkling crystal," she says.

After taking their orders for the season, the women spend several days shopping in Salt Lake City, hunting for their unusual.

The two prepare most of their decorations in their homes or garages. Gano says her neighbors probably think she is looney, because her garage is full of vines and weeds.

They often work late, "and in a cold garage," adds Reeder, "in order to fit their schedules around their

families. Both women are married and have children at home.

The actual hanging and setting up of decorations for a business or merchant generally require the two women to work around employees and occasionally throughout the night.

"The employees and on-lookers are always friendly and very appreciative of our efforts," says Gwen.

Several years ago, at the request of Earl Faulkner, the ladies decorated the Paris Co., and when finished, found they had invested 55 hours in hanging decorations alone.

Reeder says they also developed a special technique to make the front windows of the Paris appear as if they had been etched. This process required the use of crystal glue, which has the odor of airplane glue. During the six hours it took them to complete the windows, they had to keep stepping outside for a breathe of fresh air to keep from getting "high," they say.

Among the unique decorative figures the pair has created are life-size, soft sculpture figures for a nativity scene and large, solid oak German "nutcrackers" that were turned on a lathe and when assembled weighed 125 pounds apiece. Each "nutcracker" was individually hand painted and decorated with fur and buttons.

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This wreath is an example of the various decorations Judie Reeder and Gwen Gano create

Valley happenings

League holds reception

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls League of Women Voters will hold a reception at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Betty Valentine, 2081 Hillcrest Drive, for state legislators and county and city officials.

Casarean Mothers slate talk

TWIN FALLS — Casarean Mothers of Magic Valley will have a discussion on vaginal birth after a Casarean section at a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at 1059 Pinewood Circle, Twin Falls. For more information call Sandi Swenson, 734-9125 or Judy Berreth, 423-6309.

Child seat discussion Monday

JEROME — A presentation on child safety restraints and car seat legislation will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center conference room, sponsored by the hospital auxiliary. For more information call Cheryl Van Houten, 324-7177.

Ostomy group to hear Nelson

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Nelson, RN, ET, will speak at a meeting of the Magic Valley chapter of the United Ostomy Association at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the general waiting room of the Twin Falls Clinic. Enter through the side electric door. Nelson is a specialist in ostomy care and teaching. All ostomates and interested persons are welcome.

Agape luncheon set Tuesday

GOODING — The Gooding Agape luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln Inn. Theme will be "Another Gift Goes On." Cost for the meal is \$3.75 and members may bring craft items to share.

20th Century Club to gather

TWIN FALLS — The 20th Century Club will hold its

Christmas luncheon Tuesday noon in the Turf Club. The Christmas message will be given by Fr. Perry Dadds of St. Edwards Catholic Church. Dennis McCracken, organist and music director at St. Edwards, will present special music. Members are asked to bring Christmas food and cash donations for the needy.

College aid forum scheduled

JEROME — Jerome High School seniors and their parents interested in financial assistance for college will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 137 at the high school. Representatives from CSI will present information on many assistance programs and counselors will answer questions about scholarship information.

Royal Neighbors plan party

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Royal Neighbors of America will hold a Christmas party at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sunny View Courts. There will be a gift exchange and potluck dinner.

Compassionate Friends meet

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Compassionate Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI administration building student conference room. "Handling the Holidays" will be the topic. All bereaved parents are invited. For more information call 734-6331 or 324-5660.

Jerome historians hold party

JEROME — The Jerome County Historical Society will have an "old-fashioned" Christmas party, at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Senior Citizens Center, 200 East First Ave., Jerome.

Knights to hand out candy

TWIN FALLS — Knights of Columbus will be giving out candy at several local shopping centers Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. All donations received will be used for local community projects.

Report says mammography can save lives

CHICAGO (AP) — About 7,500 lives could be saved annually if women over 40 underwent annual mammography — the most effective way to detect early forms of breast cancer, a report published today says.

Many cases of early breast cancer — such as those that cannot be felt — can be detected only by mammography, a low-dose X-ray of the breast, the American Medical Association Council on Scientific Affairs said in the report, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Mammography is the most effective diagnostic technique to detect non-palpable or minimal breast cancers," but doctors also should continue to stress monthly breast self-examinations, says the report. Breast cancer — the leading cause of cancer deaths in women — will kill about 37,300 women this year, said Susan Hernandez, spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society in New York.

But the report said many doctors "are convinced that if every woman older than 40 underwent annual mammography, 7,500 cancer deaths could be prevented each year." About 80 percent of breast cancers occur in women in that age group.

In a related study of 300 post-menopausal women; about a third of whom had breast cancer, researchers said results show the efficacy of mammography. Doctors say that there are about 115,000 new cases of breast cancer each year in the United States, and that one in 11 females will eventually develop the disease.

Ms. Hernandez said the Cancer Society "highly recommends" annual

mammographic exams for women 50 years and older and once every year or two for women 40 to 49. An exam, she said, costs between \$50 and \$300.

The AMA report also said technical improvements in the quality of the exam have decreased the risk of radiation exposure.

The council said that in 1972, a National Academy of Sciences report estimated every rad of radiation to which the breast is exposed during mammographies may cause six new cases of breast cancer per million women each year after a 10-year latent period. Even so, the report said,

the lives saved by early detection with mammography have been estimated at more than 500 per million women screened.

"This differential has already become even greater with improved image resolution and further decreased radiation exposure," the report says.

The report says the average breast X-ray dose need not exceed one rad for a routine examination of both breasts and urged doctors to refer patients to radiologists who use equipment providing the lowest level of radiation exposure.

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Widow's suitor won't take her out

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I met a charming gentleman through mutual friends. He's 49 and recently divorced for the second time. He's semiretired and quite well-off.

I'm a 47-year-old widow in comfortable circumstances. He calls me every day, comes over in the evening, to watch TV, play cards, have coffee and talk, but he has never taken me out.

I stopped inviting him to dinner because he never reciprocated. We see each other only during the week — never on the weekend. He says he doesn't like to "make plans" — meaning for dinner or a movie; he prefers to do things on the spur of the moment.

He loves to garden and is very handy at fixing things. He sprayed my front and backyard for weeds and worked on my Kimball organ.

I do not chase after him. I never call him and never ask him what he does when he's not with me. He acts like he's very fond of me, and I think I'm falling in love with him. I love being with him, but I want to go somewhere!

He told me his second wife wanted him back, so he's probably seeing her on the weekends. (I never ask.)

Abby, do you see any future in our relationship? Why do you think he's never taken me anywhere? And how can I find out where I stand with him?

— PUZZLED IN NEW JERSEY
DEAR PUZZLED: If there's a future in your relationship, it's not in the immediate future. He doesn't take you anywhere because he's either too cheap to spend the money, or he has a commitment with someone else, which is probably why you never see him on the weekends.

Don't be available for coffee, conversation and cards every evening. Be "busy," and if he keeps calling, pin him down for a dinner date or a movie, and see what happens.

DEAR ABBY: A charitable organization I have worked for is honoring me at a dinner in recognition of my many years of service. I have only one son. He is over 50, married and has a nice family. I invited him to come to the dinner, but he refused, saying, "No. Those affairs bore me."



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

He lives very near to where the dinner is being held, so I told him he could skip the dinner and just come for the presentation. He refused.

The chairman of the dinner committee called my son and asked if he would please come and say a few words in my behalf. He was also turned down with, "No. Those affairs bore me." The man was shocked, as he knows how generous I have been to my son and his family over the years.

All my friends and relatives are coming. What should I say when they ask me why my son didn't come to see me honored?

— HURT IN LOS ANGELES
DEAR HURT: Look that straight in the eye and say, "He was invited, but he said, 'No. Those affairs bore me.'"

Don't feel that you should cover up for your son's inexcusable behavior. You're not the only parent who ended up with a selfish, thankless child.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you had an inspirational piece in your column

pointing out the fact that many men who became multimillionaires started with nothing. (J. Paul Getty and Conrad Hilton, to name two.)

I am reminded of the story about the grandfather who said to his 14-year-old grandson, "Why, when I was your age, I went to work in a store for \$10 a week, and in less than six years I owned the place!"

"That can't be done today," the boy replied. "They have cash registers now."

— POOR BUT HONEST
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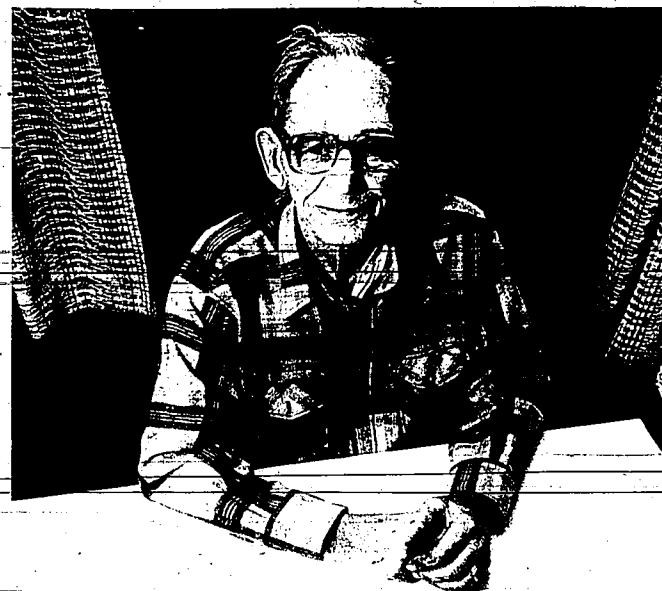
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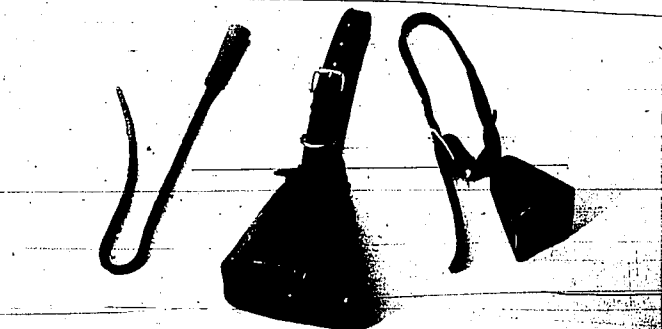
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Conway with some of the tools of his trade: a "sheep hook," a sheep bell and a lamb bell

Paul Conway family history reflects romance of the West

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

EDEN—Paul Conway will always remember Kitty Wilkins, one of the best known early day ranchers in southern Idaho and Nevada. The resort west of Rogerson, now Murphy's Hot Springs, was called Kitty's Hot Hole for many years in her honor. Conway, 82, a retired sheepman whose own family history mirrors the development of some of the more romantic aspects of the early West, said the legendary red-haired Wilkins used to visit his mother at their Three Creek ranch. "He fondly describes Wilkins as 'quite a horseman!'"

Once, when Conway was 7 or 8, he remembers a huge herd of her horses going by. The animals filled a narrow lane for perhaps a mile—a thrilling sight to a young boy. But the real reason he recalls the event so clearly is that Wilkins gave him a young colt which he owned for many years.

The retired sheepman, who now lives west of Eden, says Wilkins brought in registered jackasses which she bred with her native horses. She would halter break the resulting mules and ship them back East for a good profit.

Other oldtimers report that Wilkins owned 5,000 wild horses and another 5,000 head of purebred animals. She and her brothers headquartered in Glens Ferry, and she is said to have shipped horses to England and once ridden with royalty.

Conway was born Aug. 17, 1902, in Bruneau one of the early ranching settlements in Idaho. His father, L.A. Conway, worked with ox teams as a young man in Oregon, but became convinced "horses were the coming thing." So he switched to freighting with horses driven by jork lines—in Wyoming and then Mountain Home, another early Idaho town, where he freighted supplies to Rocky Bar, now a ghost mining town in the Sawtooth National Forest.

After the mining died out there, probably before 1910, Conway says his father bought a ranch in the Three Creek country west of Rogerson for \$600 and contracted to deliver mail from Mountain Home through the desert to Jarbidge. Now, changing horses at a relay station at Bruneau.

When mining began in Jarbidge the elder Conway hired supplies there, using 18 pack horses each carrying large coils of cable. He died of a heart attack when Conway was about 9, leaving him and a brother to assume operation of the family cattle.

Getting to school was—and still is—difficult for residents of the isolated Three Creek area bordering

Nevada. Conway first went to Mountain Home and then spent the sixth grade in Twin Falls, thanks to the assistance of Brilmar Wolf, a school superintendent, who helped him obtain a room. He worked in the old Model Cafe in Twin Falls for Roy Mercer and also worked for him in later years.

But the veteran sheepman and rancher says he got tired of schooling. The winter of 1916-17 was unusually severe and nearly all the livestock perished, Conway says. His brother lost \$4,000 worth of cattle. In addition to deep snow and bitter cold there was no hay.

"We paid \$10 a ton for stacks of straw," Conway recalls.

The spring of 1917 he got a job at a camp at the present location of Balanced Rock Park where "there were more cowboys than cattle."

Their unpleasant task was to herd the starving cattle into the sagebrush beyond the landmark rock to die. En route he passed many dead sheep, also victims of that cruel winter.

Conway then drove stagecoach during the winter into Jarbidge. He lived at the relay station at Kitty's Hot Hole where the Wilkins operation had taken "squatters' rights" with their horses.

But he preferred sheep to cattle and

got a job from Jim Pence for whom he drove a pack string, taking salt to the summer range in Nevada.

One day he was asked to take a letter to the school-marm at the little country school at Grassy Hill, south of Castleford, the site of an unsuccessful early farming development long since abandoned.

After delivering the letter to Helen Alexander he was invited to share lunch with the teacher and romance bloomed. They were married in 1926.

He soon had his own band of sheep which they summered in the Humboldt Mountains in Nevada.

Mrs. Conway shares her husband's love of the outdoors, but did not like to ride horses. So they would accompany.

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Support group gives mothers Caesarean birth information

By JOAN BEAN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Information, choice of what Caesarean Mothers of Magic Valley is all about. The group was formed recently by Vickie Traxler, Sandi Swenson and Judy Berreth to help women who have had, or are about to have, a Caesarean birth.

A series of four meetings are held on the second Monday of each month to discuss planning a Caesarean birth, recovery from the birth, the father's role and subsequent births after a Caesarean.

The group would like to inform those women who are facing the prospect of a Caesarean delivery that they do have choices. For instance, a father can be in the room under most circumstances, and the mother may ask to remain awake during the birth. Another option that can be discussed with the doctor is to be allowed to watch the baby being born. This was important to Traxler, so she asked to have the surgical curtain lowered at that point.

The support group also is of help to the Caesarean mother who needs to talk to others with similar experiences and problems, Swenson says.

"A big problem is you get yourself prepared for a vaginal birth, and it's quite a letdown mentally for some of them to accept the Caesarean," she says. Although some women feel they have failed a test of womanhood, not everyone feels this way. Judy Berreth says she has spoken with women who were relieved that the Caesarean was done, because they had experienced a long, hard labor.

Berreth says the support group is important for people who are having repeat Caesareans. They are often afraid that the second birth will be as painful as the first.

She says that they tell them that usually the second time is a little bit better.

The group also discusses the role of the father in a Caesarean birth. Traxler says a couple must get the permission of a pediatrician, a surgeon and an anesthesiologist to have the father there during the birth.

Swenson said her husband was there to support her. "My husband did fine," she says. "He was standing there and keeping me calm, because I couldn't see anything."

According to Traxler, the father usually handles the experience very well and is involved with helping his wife.

"Some of the fathers, after the baby is taken out, will be the one to receive the baby instead of the nurse," she says. "And they're waiting for that, besides trying to help the wife."

Mrs. Mathews, an obstetrical nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center teaches a Caesarean birth class and is available to advise the group. However, as a professional, she feels it's important to play a low-

key role within the group. "The terminology," she says. "Now, it's not a 'Caesarean section,' it's a 'Caesarean birth,'" she says. "Lay people need to talk to each other," she says. "That's what it's for, so they can speak to each other... giving each other support that sometimes professional people can't give to them," she says. Mathews tries to impress upon these mothers that having a Caesarean is simply another way to have a baby.

"We've really tried to impress that on them, even to go as far as changing-

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Dickerson takes a run at O.J.

By KEN PETERS
The Associated Press

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Eric Dickerson has been dreaming of the record, but the dream has been troubled.

"The record means a lot, but I'm so tired of hearing about it," said Dickerson, the Los Angeles Rams' running back who is on the verge of erasing O.J. Simpson's National Football League single-season rushing mark.

"I can hardly even sleep. I've dreamed that I had 2,001 yards, and that I was going to get the record. I've talked about it so much. I'm thinking about it even when I try to take a nap — 2,000 yards, 2,000 yards."

"It's getting ridiculous."

Heading into today's game here against Houston — the second to last of the regular season — Dickerson has rushed for 1,792 yards — 211

yards short of the record 2,003 Simpson gained for the Buffalo Bills 11 years ago. The NFL season was extended from 14 to 16 games in 1978.

If he doesn't break the record today, he'll get a last chance next Friday night in San Francisco against the 49ers.

An All-America at Southern Methodist University who established an NFL rookie rushing mark with 1,808 yards last year, Dickerson has been the center of athletic attention since growing up in Sealy, Texas (population 4,181).

He gained nearly 6,000 yards rushing for Sealy High School, including 2,653 his senior year, and lettered in basketball and track. In college, he tied the SMU career scoring

record of 288 points, set by Doak Walker, and scored 17 touchdowns as a senior.

In his rookie year in the NFL, he scored 19 TDs rushing, had nine 100-yard games, and was a consensus choice for All-Pro.

But the attention focused on him now is unlike anything that he has undergone before, he said.

"This is becoming a big distraction," Dickerson said. "I hope I can get it behind me, because it's bothering me. It's worrying me too much. Everybody's asking about it, people asking for interviews all the time."

"It's great to have a good year, but people have been bothering me too much. It's like a bunch of bees and honey."

Nevertheless, Dickerson has remained cordial and responsive during interviews.

He said he talked recently with

Simpson, who predicted last year that the young Rams' runner eventually would better the record.

"We talked mostly what everyone else is talking about," Dickerson said, adding with a laugh: "He was crying a little bit that he was going to be an ex-record holder."

Dickerson runs with a gliding, straight-up style that makes his rushing appear almost effortless.

"Every blue moon, a back like that will come along," Simpson said.

(Gale) Sayers was one and so was I. He can be the best."

"I wouldn't trade Eric for anyone."

I've seen James Earl Ray, John Wayne, said, "I can't imagine having a better player than Eric Dickerson. He goes by people so fast they don't have time to get in position to tackle him."

"He's the prettiest runner in the game," said Jim Brown, whose NFL

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ERIC DICKERSON
Record with an asterisk

Sports

Eagles top KT at last

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the first time in the last four tries, College of Southern Idaho won its own K and T Steel Basketball Championship Saturday night.

Flashing brilliantly in three separate spurts but most brightly in the first four minutes of the second half, the Eagles rushed past Utah Tech 107-65.

The victory came late at night since it took Ricks College four overtimes to claim the consolation prize from Central Wyoming 88-49.

Earlier in the tripleheader, the Utah Tech women turned a two-point lead into a 78-60 victory over CSI in the closing eight minutes.

This CSI men had the expected trouble with the bigger Utah-Tech team but for perhaps the first time all season the Eagles put together a sustained drive over the closing minutes of the first half to set the stage for the knockout.

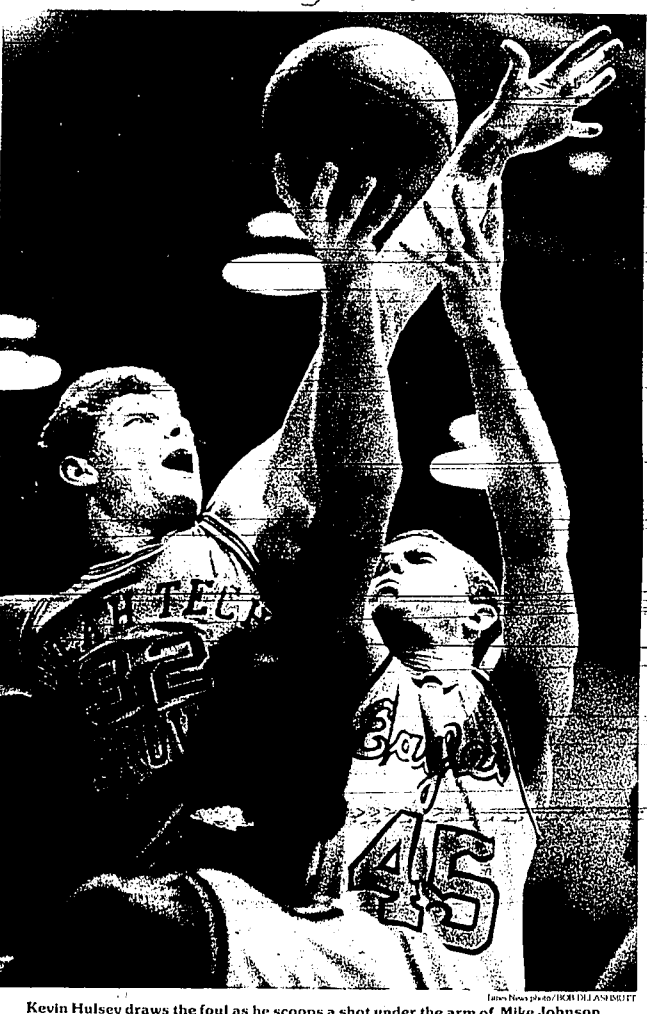
That started after Lowell Cisowski, who ended the night with 28 points, sent CSI ahead 22-21 for the final time. He scored the next time down floor and then Larry Brown, who lanked 29, came up with four points.

The Eagles managed their first 10-point lead with just under six minutes to play and left the floor at halftime on top 52-39.

The knockout punch started with the opening tip, Derrick Hopkins, later named the tourney's MVP, scoring. After Angelo Albritton replied for Utah Tech, Kevin Hulsey and Cisowski came up with six points to make it 60-41. A minute later Brown had added four more points and CSI was coasting at 64-41.

CSI Coach Fred Trenkle then began substituting liberally and that disrupted the flow of the game. Utah Tech turned to a press and the final 15 minutes were played with a lot of fouls and people on the floor.

Hopkins was joined on the all-tournament team by Brown and Cisowski and others included Todd Morrison of Ricks; Darrell Lofton of Central Wyoming and Mike Johnson of Utah Tech.



Kevin Hulsey draws the foul as he scoops a shot under the arm of Mike Johnson

Gjermundson slips at NFR like Cooper

By CHARLIE SMITH
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Brad Gjermundson of Marshall, N.D., defending champion in saddle bronc riding who had retaken the lead Friday night over Kent Cooper of Malta, Idaho, did not place in either round Saturday at the National Finals Rodeo — but kept his lead when Cooper also failed to place in the eighth go-round.

Results of the ninth go-round in saddle bronc riding were unofficial, as a reride for Gjermundson was rescheduled for Monday.

Don Gay of Mesquite, Texas, clinched a recent eighth-world championship in bull riding.

Gay, who two years ago announced his retirement because of injuries, had come back into competition this year to "break Jim" Shouder's bull riding championship record, set in 1959.

"This is the culmination of a dream that I've had since I was 5," said the 32-year-old Gay. "Jim Shouder is a hero, idol and friend of mine."

"I've never wanted to do anything else but ride bulls — and I've set this as my goal," he said.

Gay clinched the championship with his fourth-place earnings in Saturday night's ninth round.

With one more round remaining in the finals, Gay said he still has another goal.

"I want to win the average — nobody's ever won that three times, and I've done it twice."

In other action in Saturday night's round, Byron Walker of Frank, Texas, tied his fifth career lead in the eighth round, first-place in the overall steer wrestling standings.

Walker had entered the finals trailing John W. Jones of Morro Bay, Calif., in the overall standings, but staked claim to first-place by a tenuous \$1.82 in the first go-round.

Jones cut Walker's lead back to \$1.82 with a fourth-place finish in the eighth go-round.

In the ninth round, Walker gave himself breathing room with a blazing 4.6-second, first-place time — tying a finals record.

Dee Pickett of Caldwell, Idaho, stretched his lead to \$5,800 in what

had been a neck-and-neck race for the All-Around title given to the cowboy with the most earnings in more than one event.

Pickett entered the finals leading defending champion Roy Cooper of Durant, Okla., and the two men traded the lead throughout this week.

Pickett entered Saturday afternoon's go-round trailing Cooper by \$786, and recaptured the All-Around lead by placing in team roping in both the eighth and ninth rounds, and in calf roping in the ninth round.

Pickett and partner Mike Beers of Rufus, Ore., took second-place in team roping in the eighth round.

He and Beers finished first in the ninth go-round.

Cooper could have retaken the All-Around lead by finishing in the money in calf roping — his specialty — but failed to place in each go-round.

Cooper, the defending champion, has already wrapped up the calf roping championship.

Larry Felt of Elk Ridge, Utah, led Larry Peabody of Three Forks, Mont., by about \$500 in the overall bareback riding standings after Saturday's rounds.

Felt, who finished in second place in the eighth round, finished in a three-way first-place tie in the ninth round with Peabody and defending champion Bruce Ford of Kersey, Colo.

Felt had a torrid winning streak in the finals that moved him from a distant third to the lead.

He also has the best average among bareback riders and could win the event with that bonus money. Other finalists could also be determined by the money accumulated by the cowboys with the best average in each event.

Fourteen-year-old Charmayne James parlayed a first-place finish in the eighth go-round of barrel racing to take the lead in the overall standings of the event.

James, of Clayton, N.M., entered the go-round trailing Lee Ann Gullkey of Decatur, Texas, by \$250 in the overall standings. But her first-place earnings allowed James to overtake Gullkey, who did not place.

James also finished third in the ninth round.

Sun Valley's facilities get into full operation

Sun Valley — Half-Dollar, Dollar and Elkhorn are all open this weekend, along with five chair lifts — Warm Springs No. 7, Christmas No. 3, Limestone No. 8, Sunnyside No. 6 and Mayday No. 14. Atop Mount Baldy, there is 45 inches of snow, with 36 inches at the base. Sun Valley reports packed powder on all runs. Snow is forecast for today. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomerelle — No report.

Soldier Mountain — Soldier reports a 30-inch base at the lodge, with 42 inches at the top of the mountain. All runs are operating, some covered with artificial snow. The upper chair lift is open this weekend. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conditions are other major southern Idaho resorts:

Bogus Basin — 46-inch base; no new snow.

Brundage — No report.

Grand Targhee — 49-inch base, 61 inches at top, no new snow.



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Pebble Creek — Open Friday, Sunday, no snow report.

Kelly Canyon — 24 inches of snow.

Lookout Pass — 48-inch base, trace new snow.

Snow depth in inches refers to unpacked snow at the top except for Bogus Basin, which reports depth at the base. New snow refers to snow within last 24 hours.

This season, all roads lead to Pocatello

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

The Gem State Conference has been, for the most part, a Twin Falls High School franchise for the past two seasons.

The Bruins are 25-3 in conference since Feb. 20, 1982, the night they lost the 1981-82 GSC title to Highland. Nobody has had such a "lock" on the league since the Rams' state championship season of 1980-81.

The Bruins could well make it three in a row — most of the league's coaches predict Twin Falls will finish second or third — but all agree the power this year is in the east.

It may be awhile before things fall into place, however. Three of the conference's premier players — Pocatello forward Clint Younklin, Twin Falls guard Todd Jones, and Highland forward Eric Van Orden — are hobbled by football injuries and won't be available until after the first of the year.

A fourth — Bonville point guard Brock Parkinson — is nursing a knee injury and probably won't be at full strength until then.

Half of the GSC's eight teams will advance to the state Class A-I tournament in Boise in March; the

District 4, 5 and 6 champions will go along with the winner of a playoff between the runners-up from Districts 5 and 6.

Previews of Twin Falls' and Minico's basketball teams appeared in The Times-News on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Pocatello

It's not at all hard to see why the league's coaches like Pocatello's chances this season. What's not to like about five returning starters?

That's not part-time starters, either. Poly Coach Jerry Koester's first five at the end of last season will be his starters this year as well.

They weren't a bad group of juniors at that.

The Indians finished the regular season at 12-9 and in third place in the GSC — before losing the

District 5 championship and the right to advance to the state tournament to Highland. Pocatello led the GSC in defensive rebounds and finished second in assists. The Indians had two of the top eight scorers in the league (Younklin and guard Kip Helgeson), three of its eight leading rebounders (Younklin, Williams and center Steve Sengbusch) and its assist leader (McCune).

"I think the whole team has matured so much from last year," said Koester, who won a state A-2 championship at Buhl in 1975. "We do have a lot of experience — we played 60 games together in a summer league."

The Tribe's strength figures to be shooting and defense, thanks to exceptional team quickness. With Minico's Greg Schow graduated, McCune — a 5-foot-9 senior — is the league's premier point guard, while Helgeson, a 6-0 senior, returns with a 14-point average at shooting guard (he was 15-for-32 in the pre-point guard attempts last season). Williams, a 6-1 senior forward, was responsible for five rebounds a game last year.

Most of the attention, however, is focused on Pocatello's two big men: Younklin, a 6-6 senior, and 6-4 junior forward Wade Wyatt. Younklin, who ranked second in the conference to Twin Falls' Andy Toolson in field goal percentage last season, returns with a 12-point scoring average and a 6-5 rebound mark. Several coaches think

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Baseball

Yanks ink Henderson to pact worth more than \$8 million

By JOHN NELSON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The New York Yankees announced Saturday that they had completed a trade for outfielder Rickey Henderson of the Oakland A's, making the Yankees one of the big winners in baseball's 1984 winter meetings.

The multi-player trade actually was made Wednesday, but was completed Saturday only after New York reached agreement on a contract with Henderson.

Terms were not announced, but it was believed to be a no-trade, five-year deal worth more than \$8 million with major portions deferred over a 20- to 30-year period.

In exchange for Henderson, minor league pitcher Bert Bradley and cash, the Yankees will send to Oakland pitchers Jay Howell, Jose Rijo, Eric Plunk and Tim Lirtsas and outfielder Stan Javier, son of Julian Javier, a former major leaguer.

"Rickey Henderson is a player of tremendous charisma and excitement," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a prepared statement. "He will really turn on our great New York Yankee fans, and we are really eager to put him in the lineup with our other players so he can do just that."

Only hours before the announcement, Henderson's agent, Richie Bry, emerged from a morning meeting saying the chances of finishing the deal were "less than 50-50."

However, a source close to the negotiations said that by early afternoon, the two sides were separated only by some contract details.

Henderson said he and Bry "felt I would be better off playing in New York. I'm capable of playing there, in one of the biggest cities in the world."

"It boiled down to business and what was best for both teams," said Henderson, 26, who set a major league record with 130 stolen bases in 1982.

Last season, Henderson batted .293 with 16 home runs, 58 runs batted in and 66 stolen bases.

"It was a long but very congenial and amicable negotiation," said Yankees General Manager Clyde King, who also said he and assistant general manager Woody Woodward "were guided by Mr. Steinbrenner's direction."

The acquisition of Howell then allowed the A's to send ace reliever Bill Canfield to the Toronto Blue Jays in return for shortstop Alfredo Griffin, outfielder Dave Collins and cash.

"If the Henderson deal had not gone through, we were going to try to reopen negotiations with the A's anyway," said Toronto General Manager Pat Gillick, who has been searching for a top-notch reliever.

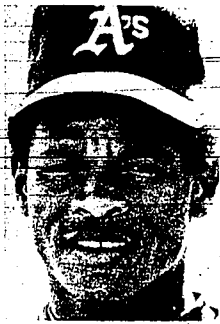
"We've been trying to get Canfield for three years."

Steinbrenner remained at his home in Tampa, Fla., during the Henderson negotiations, but kept in constant touch with the Yankee negotiating team by telephone.

"He (Henderson) certainly ranks as one of today's premier players," Steinbrenner said, "and he can dominate a game with his offense, his defense, and, of course, his base-stealing."

Other major deals solidified at the baseball meetings, which officially ended Friday, involved pitcher LaMarr Hoyt and free-agent pitcher Bruce Sutter and Steve Trout.

Those deals helped make San Diego, Atlanta and the Chicago Cubs



RICKEY HENDERSON
Marathon negotiations

the big winners of the winter meetings. The World Series champion Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox also helped themselves in the pitching department.

Hoyt, a 1983 Cy Young winner with the White Sox, was traded to the San Diego Padres for pitcher Tim Lollar, third baseman-outfielder Luis Salazar and minor league prospect Ozzie Guillen, a shortstop.

Padres General Manager Jack McKeon, nicknamed "Trader Jack," had struck again.

"Pleased? Sure. Why shouldn't I be pleased?" McKeon said. "We needed that rock in the rotation."

Hoyt was 24-10 when he won the Cy Young during the White Sox's 1983 American League West Division championship season, but he fell off to 13-18 last season after signing a big contract with the club. It was his only losing season in the major leagues.

Free-agent Sutter actually signed in Atlanta, but it was a process begun at the winter meetings, where Braves owner Ted Turner renewed his offer.

It turned out to be \$10 million over six years and, despite the huge outlay of cash, Turner was understandably "licked plink."

He finally had landed the big free agent he had sought for so long. In past years, he had bid and lost in the war for free agents such as Pete Rose, Steve Garvey, Rich Gossage and Kent Hrbek.

Cubs General Manager Dallas Green continued what he called his "commitment to the city of Chicago and the ballclub" in re-signing Trout, who was 13-7 for the National League East Division champions last season. Trout reportedly got \$4.5 million for five years.

Trout was the second of four free agent pitchers to re-sign with the Cubs. Last month, Green signed right-hander Dennis Eckersley. Still at large were Cy Young winner Rick Sutcliffe and reliever Tim Lincecum.

Sutcliffe and his agent, Barry Auerbach, talked with Kansas City, San Diego, Atlanta and the Cubs during the meetings. Those four teams apparently were the only serious contenders left in the race for Sutcliffe, who probably will sign for a contract similar to Sutter's.

"We're still shooting Christmas," Auerbach said of Sutcliffe's timetable.

Also signing at the meetings were designated hitter Andre Thornton, with his old club, Cleveland; Cliff Johnson, formerly of Toronto, with

Texas; and Lee Lacy, formerly of Pittsburgh, with Baltimore.

Thornton was signed to a \$4.4 million, four-year deal. Johnson signed a three-year deal for \$650,000 per year, and Lacy reportedly got \$2 million for four years.

Including Sutter, that amounted to nearly \$22 million worth of free agents signed during the week.

The meetings ended with the consummation of nine transactions involving 22 major league players. It equaled the fewest number of players

changing teams at the meetings in the past decade. The same number was traded in 1982 in Honolulu.

"It's gotten so difficult to trade players now that I'm afraid the winter meetings will never be the same," said Sandy Alderson, the Oakland A's vice president.

"It's a shame, too, because the winter meetings were good for the fans, good for public relations. They provided a lot of stories for the media."

In the other major trades:

• The Yankees made deals with both Atlanta and the Cubs. They sent catcher Rick Cerone to the Braves for minor-league pitcher Brian Fisher. Fisher holds a share of the Carolina League record for strikeouts in a game with 20.

And the Yankees moved left-hander Ray Fontenot, 8-9 last year, and infielder-outfielder Brian Dayett to the Cubs for pitchers Rich Bordi and Porfi Altamirano, outfielder Henry Cotto and catcher Ron Hassey.

• Montreal made two separate deals with the White Sox. In the first, the Expos sent reliever Bob James to Chicago for infielder Vance Law, who will play second. In the other, infielder Bryan Little went to Chicago for pitcher Bert Roberge, who spent most of last season in the minors.

• Detroit acquired the starting pitcher they wanted in Walt Terrell, and they sent third baseman-outfielder Howard Johnson to the New York Mets in return. Johnson will back up Ray Knight, who underwent off-season arm surgery.

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Pro Football

Cards-Giants key to playoffs

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

The annual late-season showdown between the Washington Redskins and the Dallas Cowboys takes place in Texas Stadium today. But another showdown, 633 miles to the northeast, may have as much to say about the outcome of the muddled NFC East race.

With two weeks to go in the National Football League regular season, four of the five teams in the NFC East can win the division title — the Redskins, Cowboys and Giants are tied for first at 9-5, St. Louis is 8-6. Sunday is the semifinals — the Giants and the Cardinals in a 11 p.m. MST game in St. Louis, followed by the Redskins and Cowboys.

"The game of games," says Lawrence Taylor, the Giants' All-Pro linebacker. "These are the kind of games you want to be involved in," says Cowboys Coach Tom Landry to which his Washington counterpart, Joe Gibbs adds:

"I wish I could sit back, watch it, and relax."

In fact, eight of the 11 games Sunday have a bearing on playoff spots and so does the Monday night game in which the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Raiders can clinch an AFC wild-card berth by beating Detroit at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Cincinnati, only a game behind Pittsburgh in the AFC Central after an 8-4 start, is at New Orleans, while the Steelers are at home in Cleveland. If the 7-7 Steelers win while the 6-6 Bengals lose, Pittsburgh wins the title.

The 9-5 Los Angeles Rams, who can clinch an NFC wild-card berth by winning their last two games, are at home to Houston. An added sidelight is Eric Dickerson's pursuit of a 3,000-yard season, 212 yards away with two games to go.

Seattle is at Kansas City and San Diego at Denver in the AFC West. The Seahawks, 12-2, can clinch if the 11-3 Broncos lose; if not, it comes down to their head-to-head showdown in Seattle on Dec. 15 in which the winner takes the division, the loser gets a wild card.

And New England, marginally alive for an AFC wild card, visits Philadelphia. The only way the Patriots can make the playoffs is if they win their last two games while the Raiders lose twice.

In other games today, AFC East champion Miami is at Indianapolis; NFC Central winner Chicago is home to Green Bay and Tampa Bay is at Atlanta.

In two games played Saturday, Buffalo was at the New York Jets and the Minnesota Vikings played at San Francisco against the NFC West champions.

The Giants control the NFC East — all they have to do is take the title is beat St. Louis and then the New Orleans Saints, The Cowboys and Redskins can take the title by winning their final two if the Giants lose one, and the Cards can win by beating the Giants and Redskins and hoping that Dallas loses to Washington.

The Giants and Cowboys can also clinch wild-card berths Sunday — the Giants by winning while the Rams lose and the Cowboys by winning while either the Cards or Rams go down.

Niners bury Minnesota, 51-7

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Montana's 44-yard scoring bomb to Dwight Clark got the San Francisco 49ers rolling toward their 14th victory, which tied a National Football League regular season record, and he threw for two more touchdowns Saturday in a 51-7 wipeout of the Minnesota Vikings.

The 49ers, 14-1, raced to a 31-7 lead by halftime and gave Montana several other starts as he led the team's highest point total since 1965. The Vikings, 3-12, went down to a fifth consecutive defeat.

The 49ers, with an eight-game winning streak, will go after a record-breaking 15th regular-season triumph when they face the Los Angeles Rams next Friday night. After a two-week break, San Francisco will open the playoffs as a heavy favorite to reach the Super Bowl as National Conference champion.

Montana completed 15 of 21 passes in his half of action Saturday. He hit Clark, who broke free

down the middle of the field, at the goal line eight minutes into the game to open the scoring.

Later in the first period, Montana flipped a three-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Solomon. In the second quarter, Renaldo Nehemiah scored on a 59-yard pass play and Wendell Tyler ran five yards for a touchdown.

Tyler's 36 yards rushing on 13 carries gave him a club-record 1,230 for the season, breaking the mark of 1,203 set by Delvin Williams in 1976.

Archie Manning, the Vikings' starting quarterback, left the game in the first period after being shaken up on a sack, the first of six registered by the 49ers.

Wade Wilson, who took over for Manning, directed an 84-yard scoring drive in the second period. Darvin Nelson ran five yards for the Minnesota touchdown. The Vikings reached the San Francisco 1 in the final minute of the game but failed to score.

O'Brien steers Jets past Bills

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Ken O'Brien ignited New York with a 39-yard touchdown pass to Wesley Walker in the third period and the Jets got the winner on Tony Fagot's 3-yard run in the fourth to snap a six-game losing streak with a 21-17 victory Saturday over the Buffalo Bills.

The Jets improved their record to 7-8 with one game remaining while the Bills dropped to 2-13, the worst record in the National Football League.

Until the Jets got moving late in the game, they generally played lackuster football despite rookie safety Russell Carter's two sacks of Buffalo quarterback Joe Dufek and an interception.

The Jets, trailing 17-7 at the half, cut the Bills' lead to three points on O'Brien's loss to Walker with 39 seconds left in the third period. It was Walker's first scoring catch since Nov. 4 against Miami.

The Jets then held, forced a punt

and staged their winning drive as O'Brien moved them 40 yards in five plays, Paige bursting up the middle for the TD. New York had scored on a 10-yard pass from O'Brien to tight end Mickey Shuler two plays earlier, but that was nullified by an illegal-formation penalty on the Jets.

The Bills opened the scoring in the first quarter when linebacker Stan David blocked a punt by Chuck Ramsey, picked the ball up on one bounce and ran it 35 yards for a TD.

After the Jets tied on Cedric Minter's 6-yard run later in the first quarter, the Bills opened a 10-point halftime lead on a 3-yard run by Greg Bell and a 47-yard field goal by Chuck Nelson in the second period.

Mark Gastineau, the NFL sack leader, recorded one sack to boost his total to 20 and tie a personal career high.

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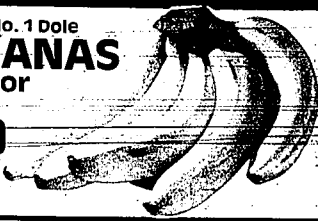
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Wrestling

Tigers, Buhl go 1-for-4 in E. Idaho

BLACKFOOT — Wrestling teams from Buhl and Jerome went against Snake River and Soda Springs squads Friday and Saturday in a two-day double-dual competition.

Since Soda Springs and Snake River represent two of the strongest "teams" in the 7-2 classification, the matches enabled Buhl and Jerome, who won just one varsity match between them, to gauge their talents.

Buhl Coach Gene Clemens, for one, was pleased. "I thought we had a really good match against Soda Springs Friday even though we lost (31-27)," he said, adding that Saturday against Snake River, the Indians picked up four individual victories, compared to last year's one. "It was a positive experience for most of our kids," he concluded.

Jerome Coach Tim Matthews was slightly less enthusiastic, however. The Tigers edged Snake River 33-30 Friday, but fell 36-26 to Soda Springs Saturday. "Soda Springs has a tough team, but we figured we'd just show up and win," Matthews said. "Maybe this will show us what we've got to do before (the state tournament)."

Probably the best match of the entire weekend occurred Saturday at 119 pounds between Soda Springs' Todd Humphreys and Jerome's Robert Egbert. Egbert lost to Humphreys in the 112-pound finals of last season's state tournament, but Saturday Egbert gained a measure of revenge, defeating his Cardinal opponent 5-2.

Egbert trailed 3-2 entering the final round, but scored on an escape and a takedown.

187 — Tate Clements (SR) pinned Pat Carlton, 5:53.
185 — Jeff Stewart (B) pinned Bruce Lund, 1:46.
183 — Todd Farnes (B) pinned Jeff Carroll, 38.

SATURDAY
Snake River 90, Buhl 36
98 — Brian Walt (SR) pinned Travis Pierce, 27.
105 — Travis Semanbaugh (SR) pinned Dustin Hunt, 29.
119 — Kevin Bultworth (B) pinned Terry Baker, 5:51.
119 — Doug Bench (SR) dec. Paul Wayneska, 17:18.
126 — Bob Sparks (B) dec. Rodney Fuller, 10:4.
132 — Will Thomas (SR) dec. Dave Hunt, 22:4.
138 — Mike Hartway (B) dec. Troy Brumfield, 21:3.
145 — Travis Martin (SR) won by forfeit.
150 — Chy Hale (SR) pinned Dave Crocker, 3:22.
• See JEROME on Page D9

Cats win own tourney

By SCOTT TUDEHOPE
Times-News writer

Wendell wrestler in the first period. In all, six Pilots made it to either the championship or consolation finals.

FILER — Filer's team championship in an eight-squad wrestling tournament here Saturday eventually came down to two matches — one a consolation, the other a heavyweight championship.

Both wrestlers pulled through, the first a Bruce Huett 155-pound consolation round superior decision. The other, an early-first-period-pin-by-junior Steve Crown at heavyweight to give the Wildcats the Filer B Invitational championship.

The two victories, combined with the other championship and consolation points tallied earlier in the day, meant Filer narrowly edged out contender glenns Perry by just ten team points. The Pilots led until that point, with both wins at the expense of Perry wrestlers.

"It was a total team effort," emphasized a nearly-jaragetic Steve Parr of Filer. "Every win puts points up for us. That's what counts."

Parr had special praise for senior Kevin Schroeder, who won his 132-pound match over Jason Simon of Wendell with a 1-10 pin in the first period.

"Kevin had some outstanding first match pins early on," he said. "He's really had to make some sacrifices to make weight, to be where he's at."

Schroeder's younger brother, James, took a major decision at 155 pounds and was voted the tournament's top grappler with Kimberly's Gordy Schroeder, a distant cousin of the Filer clan. Gordy pinned his foe in the third period.

Other Filer wrestlers to win included Tom Huett, in a major decision at 167 pounds over Brian Bunker. Huett's victory, a 13-2 win, capped an intensely physical match, noted by thudding takedowns and quick reverses.

The Pilots, coached by Vic Koshuta, could be pleased with the championship performances of Jason Simon, who pinned his opponent in the third round in 112 pounds, and Travis Crone at 145 pounds, who pinned a

Team Totals
1. Filer 149; 2. Glenns Perry 136; 3. Wendell 134; 4. Gooding 94; 5. Kimberly 94; 6. Declo 81; 7. Oakley 38; 8. Castelford 8.

Championship round
Schoth (W) pinned Cheney (G), 3:30 (second)
Hlexham (K) pinned Clark (D), 1:25 (third)

Consolation round
Hirt (W) maj. dec. Suberland (P), 20:12
Prewitt (D) pinned Legarreta (D), :46 (second)

Championship round
Jason Simon (GP) pinned Hiral (W), 4:40 (third)
Harmen (K) pinned Garvey (P), :39 (first)

Consolation round
Miller (W) dec. Sterling (GP), 7:4
Humphreys (K) pinned Iasterechre (G), 1:04 (second)

Championship round
Dayley (D) pinned Wornstaker (K), :40 (third)
Dillon (W) dec. LeJla (G), 11:4

Consolation round
K. Schragler (P) pinned Simon (W), 1:10 (first)
Hilt (G) dec. Roberts (D), 19:12

Championship round
Bedman (D) sup. dec. Kaster (P), 20:4
Anderson (G) pinned Orens (D), :49 (second)

Consolation round
Crone (GP) pinned Sparks (W), 1:49 (first)
McAtams (K) pinned Garner (D), 1:18 (third)

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Whitworth, Ballesteros top Sun City

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — American Kathy Whitworth won the 5-hole women's event by 11 strokes Saturday and Spain's Severiano Ballesteros led the men's competition by eight shots after three rounds at the Sun City Million Dollar Golf Challenge.

The 45-year-old Whitworth shot a par 72 for a 213 total that put her far ahead of runner-up Donna Caponi, also of the United States. Whitworth's victory was worth \$65,000.

Caponi, with a 224 total, took home \$20,000 and American Sally Little earned \$18,000 for finishing third at 225.

Whitworth said she was "hitting the ball well," but, "also, I had the breaks. The pins were where I like them."

"You have to drive the ball well here. That's the big thing for the men as well as the women. I'm glad I don't have to play tomorrow," she said.

Ballesteros shot a 7-under-par 65 and entered the final round comfortably ahead of Britain's Nick Faldo, who finished with a 71.

Ballesteros had a 54-hole total of 206, while Faldo was at 213 on the 7,865-yard Gary Player Country Club course.

Isao Aoki of Japan shot a 69 and finished third, a stroke behind Faldo.

American Lee Trevino's 71 put him in fourth place, followed by caddyman Ben Crenshaw, who was at 219 after shooting a 72. American Tom Kite, in his first outing in the Million Dollar, was at 221 after a 76. South African Denis Watson shot a 73 and also was at 221.

Australian Greg Norman finished his round 6 over par and was at 222. American Ray Floyd, who shot a 75, and host Gary Player, who shot a 71 after two 76s in the opening rounds, were tied in last place at 223.

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College Football

Montana St. gains I-AA championship game

By The Associated Press

Safety Joe Roberts' streaked 97 yards on an interception with 4:05 left Saturday to lift Montana State to a 32-20 victory over Rhode Island in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA football playoff in Bozeman, Mont.

The Bobcats, Big Sky Conference champions, will play the winner of Saturday's Louisiana Tech-Middle Tennessee game on Dec. 15 in Charleston, S.C., for the I-AA title.

Following Roberts' dramatic touchdown, MSU's Mark Carter booted a line-drive kickoff that Rhode Island could not handle and linebacker Ken Lang recovered for the Bobcats at the Rams' 31-yard line.

Three plays later, reserve fullback Eric Miller burst up the middle for a 29-yard touchdown that put the game out of reach.

The two scores came within one minute of each other and wiped out a 20-18 Rhode Island lead.

The Rams had gone ahead 20-12 on a 29-yard pass from quarterback Tom Ehrhardt to Damon Ketterly early in the fourth quarter. But Montana State closed the gap midway through the period on a 70-yard pass from quarterback Kelly Brady to wide receiver Kelly Davis, who caught the ball on the Rhode Island 35, shook off cornerback Tony Hill and dashed to the end zone.

Rhode Island's other scores came on a 5-yard pass from Ehrhardt to Kelly in the first quarter and a 3-yard loss from Ehrhardt to tight end Bob Donfield early in the second half.

Montana State also scored on a 30-yard pass from Bradley to Davis in the opening quarter and a 25-yard aerial from Bradley to a diving Tom White in the second period.

Montana State, which won the NCAA Division II national title in 1976, will enter next Saturday's championship with an 11-2 record, including nine victories in a row.

Rhode Island, champion of the Yankee Conference, finished with a 10-3 record.

Rhode Island's blitzing defense, probably the toughest that Montana State has faced, gave Bradley fits all day. He was sacked eight times for a total loss of 67 yards.

But the sophomore, who was the Big Sky's offensive player of the year, refused to wilt and finished with 19 completions, 228 attempts for 322 yards and three touchdowns, giving him 36 TD passes for the year.

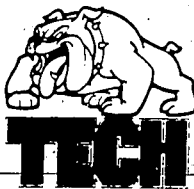
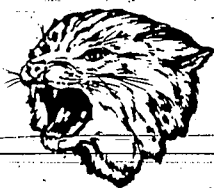
Ehrhardt, whose three scoring passes also gave him 36 for the season, wound up with 31 completions on 61 tries for 301 yards. He was sacked five times for a total loss of 29 yards.

After trailing 12-7 at the half, Rhode Island got a break on a bizarre play during its first possession of the third quarter.

Doug Kimball intercepted an Ehrhardt pass at the Montana State 37 and started running upfield. But Rhode Island wide receiver Bill Sivittella swiped the ball from Kimball in mid-stride and got back to the MSU 46.

Six plays later, on a fourth down, Donfield dove between two Bobcat defenders for his 4-yard scoring catch.

The Rams then drove 91 yards in 12 plays to go up 20-12 early in the fourth



period on Ehrhardt's second TD pass to Kelly.

And Rhode Island got the ball right back on an interception by cornerback Ray Williams at the Rams 20.

But Rhode Island could not move the ball, and a 70-yard Bradley-to-Davis touchdown pass with 8:10 to go opened the floodgates for the Bobcats.

Punters Dirk Nelson of MSU and Mike Cassidy of Rhode Island had outstanding days. Nelson averaged

50.2 yards on six punts and Cassidy 48.3 on six kicks, including a booming 88-yarder in the first quarter that pinned the Bobcats at their 7-yard line.

Louisiana Tech 21, M. Tennessee St. 13 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Louisiana Tech tailback David Green, stunned Middle Tennessee with an 80-yard scoring run midway through the fourth quarter to lead the Bulldogs to a victory and a berth in the I-AA national championship game.

The loss ended the most successful season in Middle Tennessee history with an 11-3 record.

Louisiana Tech, the Southland Conference champions, had overcome a 10-7 deficit in the third quarter on an 11-yard scoring pass from quarterback Kyle Gandy to split end Todd Breske.

The Ohio Valley Conference member Blue Raiders fought back to trail 14-13 on a 35-yard field goal by

Kelly Potter with 8:14 left in the game.

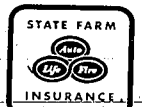
Green then dashed any Blue Raider comeback hopes when he bolted down the right sideline on the first play

from scrimmage after Potter's kick. Middle Tennessee senior Vince Hall led all rushers with 130 yards on 31 carries while Green totaled 107 yards for his 12 rushes.

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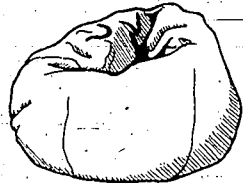
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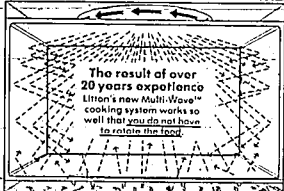
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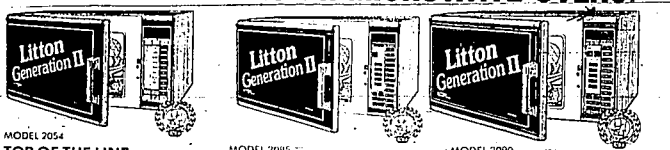
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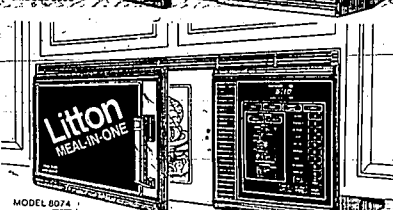
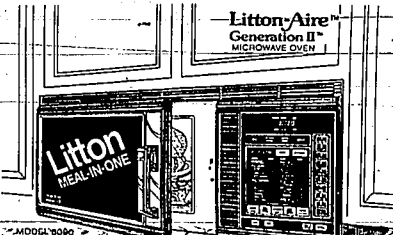
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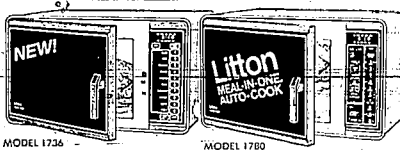
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Cooney wins
second fight
of the season

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Gerry Cooney stung George Chaplin with a left to the midsection and then stopped the journeyman from Baltimore with a flurry of punches in the second round Saturday night to win impressively in his second fight on the heavyweight comeback trail.

Referee Bobby Ferrara stopped the bout at 2:50 of the second round after Cooney had pummeled him with at least three dozen unanswered punches, jolting him around the ring.

Chaplin, noted as a counter-puncher, came out fast and caught Cooney with a right cross in the first round that seemed to unsettle the 6-foot-7 contender from Huntington, N.Y.

Cooney fought back and traded left jabs throughout the round, but it seemed that this would be no pushover fight. In the second round, however, Cooney scored early with a series of combinations and then smashed Chaplin with a left to the midsection that straightened him up.

Cooney then pursued Chaplin with lefts and rights mostly to the midsection, occasionally throwing uppercuts as well.

Chaplin, 216, could not respond as Cooney cornered him and kept stalking him. Finally, Ferrara jumped in, ending the fight with 10 seconds to go in the round.

For Cooney, who weighed 229½, it pushed his record to 27-1 and was his 24th knockout. Chaplin, a hospital technician who is eight days short of his 32nd birthday, is now 22-2.

The fight followed Cooney's four-round knockout of Phillip Brown Sept. 29 in Anchorage, Alaska.

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 politeness and defense.
 "We're going to have good quickness on the floor, and we're going to have to use it," he says. "We're looking to be a pressing type of ballclub, with tough man defense."

Idaho Falls
 The Tigers lost the business end of their offense — 6-4 senior center Todd Hansen and 5-11 senior guard Jim Ferguson — to graduation last spring, but they're hoping for more of the same this season from a new cast of characters.

Hansen was the league's No. 2 scorer behind Twin Falls' Andy Toolson, averaging 19.8 per game, while Ferguson made the top 10 in just about every other category. But Idaho Falls was only a middling team on offense — averaging 58 points a game, and weak defensively, allowing opponents more than 64 points an outing.

"I think we're going to be more balanced," says sixth-year Coach Garry Buell, whose team lost 13 of their last 15 games to finish 7-17. "We have some good shooters and we have some good size, but we're not going to be very quick. We're going to be a much more deliberate team than we were in past and we'll probably use a lot more zone defense than we have in the past."

Buell and some other coaches around the league are excited about the Tigers' 5-10 senior guard, Mark Merkley. Merkley was only a part-time starter last season, but he still managed to connect on 55.9 percent of

his field goal attempts — third best in the conference. And 6-5 senior forward Tom Mortell and 6-2 senior forward Mike Gaudik both were among the top 15 rebounders in the conference.
 Senior Keith Nelleson, at 6-1, will start at the other guard position, but the post position vacated by Hansen is up for grabs between two juniors — 6-5 Pat Duffin and 6-5 Jason Neville. In case they don't work out, there's a third big junior waiting in the wings — 6-6 Vaughn Van Heusen.

"We have a very fine and talented group of juniors," says Buell.

Skyline
 Skyline, which broke a 24-game losing streak last week by defeating defending state Class A-2 champion Rigby, finds itself — ironically — in a very similar position to Pocatello's. Coach Jim Lewis has five starters back, and all of them have shown they can play Lewis' brand of patient, defense-oriented basketball.

"It's a new experience for me," says Lewis, who has made it to the state tournament five of the last six years. "We have a lot of kids on this team who played eight to 12 varsity games last year."

Most talk about Skyline centers around the Stutler brothers, Dave and Doug, both 6-2 senior forwards. They crackle Barry Dehnert, a 6-4 senior post, with 6-2 seniors Morgan Bates and Greg Copp at the guards.

Three other seniors — 6-2 senior guard John Liljenquist, 6-2 senior guard Mike Hall and 6-3 senior forward Ken Olsen — played a lot on

Lewis' 0-22 ballclub last season. A junior off Lewis' sophomore team, 6-0 guard Doug Hart, and a sophomore, 5-10 guard Rod Hansen, are also expected to see some action.

Blackfoot
 In Blackfoot's three previous seasons as a member of the Gem State Conference, it has earned a reputation for "vanishing" players that miss nonetheless.

To a certain degree, that's true this year as well. Mark Lach and Tom James, the imposing front-line duo that so frightened other Gem State coaches before the beginning of last season, have graduated after a so-so senior season. They're replaced by the senior tandem of Chris Jorgensen (6-4) and Corby Schroeder (6-4), along with 5-10 point guard Stan Covington.

Those three — particularly Jorgensen — were impressive at times last season. Jorgensen finished second in the league in rebounding with an average of eight boards a game, while Covington was a sometimes-effective shooter and Schroeder had his moments as the Broncos' sixth man.

"We just didn't get the performance out of kids that we thought we would," says third-year Coach Craig Gladwell. "Lach missed the month of

December with an injury and James never did play up to his potential. Hopefully this season, we can avoid injury and play with a better overall attitude."

Blackfoot won't have the size and experience to do it with, however. Beyond Jorgensen and Schroeder, the other forward (Brandon Bird) is 6-1.

"We've got a senior and a junior who are 6-3 and 6-6 (senior Nick Swainston and junior James Carter), but they've got a long ways to come," says Gladwell. "I don't know how much help they're going to be this year."

The Broncos' strength is in the backcourt, despite the graduation of three-year starter Marty Earley at point guard.

Troy Simpson (a 6-0 senior) is extremely quick and his strong suit is defense," says Gladwell. "We've also got Todd Goodwin, a 6-1 senior with very little varsity experience who came on really strong in football this year and is playing really well. And we've got a transfer from Snake River named Mike Claren (a 6-0 senior) who can play guard or forward. With Covington, they should make us real strong on the guard line."

Bonneville
 No one was hurt quite as badly by

graduation as the Bees, who finished last year 12-13 with their second consecutive District 6 championship.

Gone are six of the first seven players off Coach Mike Jorgensen's bench, but the remaining player is a good starting point for rebuilding. Parkinson, a 5-9 senior, draws raves from opposing coaches.

"It's a different team in terms of the types of players we have," says Jorgensen, who is entering his fourth season at Bonneville. "We have more overall quickness and as a group we're better, fundamentally, defensively. I do believe we'll be able to put a little more full-court pressure on people. We do have some good shooters, and I think we'll be able to put some points on the board. But there really isn't any substitute for experience."

Jorgensen figures by the time the conference season starts next month, his ballclub should start to come together — but that scenario depends upon Parkinson.

"He has a contusion and a possible tear (of the ligaments in the knee)," says his coach. "We don't know yet how much it's going to affect him."

Jeff Morgan, a 5-11 guard; Brian Cunningham, a 6-3 center; and Jeff Royter, 6-0 senior guard, are the other seniors on the ballclub with varsity experience. A senior who didn't play last year, 6-3 Brian Bird, will also be around to lend a hand. Jorgensen doesn't plan to use many juniors.

"A lot's going to depend on how Brock does," says Jorgensen. "He's a good shooter and he's working hard on learning to take the jump shot. He's going to have free rein to shoot, and he's going to be the key to our fast break. We've got such good quickness this year that we're going to take advantage of it."

The senior that the Bees are likely to miss most is Scott Seadahl, a 6-5 center who finished third in the conference in scoring last season (16.5 average) and fourth in rebounding (7.5).

Jerome

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- Soda Springs 31, Jerome 36**
 98 — Steve Harding (SS) pinned Kurt Stuhlberg, 3:56.
 106 — Mark Gier (SS) pinned Derek Butler, 3:26.
 112 — Pat Barnes (SS) pinned Lon Ebert, 5:04.
 119 — Robert Ebert (J) dec. Todd Humphreys, 5:1.
 126 — Duely Rose (SS) dec. Brent Ebert, 9:5.
 132 — Jeff Humphreys pinned Scott Andrews, 2:50.
 138 — Jim Hart (J) pinned Clint Bowles, 3:54.
 144 — Stefan Husaker (SS) dec. Vince Carter, 1:47.
 150 — Kelly Wells (SS) pinned Paul Petruzzelli, 1:47.
 157 — Bret Rue (J) pinned John Storer, 1:24.
 165 — Cash McCallum (J) pinned Frank Gough, time unavailable.
 171V — Steve Thomas (J) dec. Monte Steele, 22:10.

- FRIDAY**
Jerome 21, Snake River 30
 98 — Brian Watt (SS) pinned Kurt Stuhlberg, 1:37.
 105 — Derek Butler (J) dec. Travis Sennobaugh, 12:6.
 112 — Lon Ebert (J) dec. pinned K. Martin, 3:30.

- 119 — Robert Ebert (J) pinned Doug Bench, 5:59.
 128 — Honey Fuller (SS) dec. Brent Ebert, 7:8.
 132 — Will Thomas (SS) dec. Scott Andrews, 12:8.
 138 — Jim Hart (J) pinned D. Novis, 5:27.
 143 — Travis Martin (SS) pinned Vince Carter, 5:09.
 156 — Clay Hale (SS) pinned Paul Petruzzelli, 3:12.
 167 — Tate Clements (SS) pinned Bret Rue, 2:51.
 185 — Cash McCallum (J) pinned Bruce Land, 2:09.
 191V — Steve Thomas (J) dec. Jeff Camilli, 1:30.
Soda Springs 31, Burli 27
 98 — Steve Harding (SS) dec. Travis Pierce, 14:11.
 105 — Mark Gier (SS) pinned Darrin Hunt, 1:04.
 112 — Kevin Butterworth (J) dec. Pat Barnes, 5:4.
 119 — Todd Humphreys (SS) pinned Paul Waymasta, 2:00.
 128 — Rob Sparks (R) pinned Duely Rose, 1:44.
 132 — Jeff Humphreys (SS) pinned Dave Hunt, 1:53.
 138 — Clint Bowles (SS) dec. Mike Hartway, 10:4.
 145 — Steve Husaker (SS) won by forfeit.
 155 — Kelly Wells (SS) dec. Jim Thomas, 11:3.
 167 — Ed Carlson (B) pinned John Storer, 3:50.
 185 — Jeff Stewart (B) pinned Frank Gough, 5:4.
 191V — Todd Farnes (B) pinned Monte Steele, 1:30.

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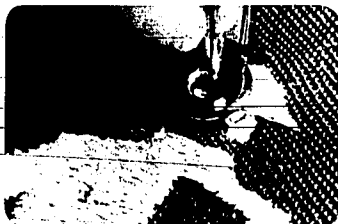
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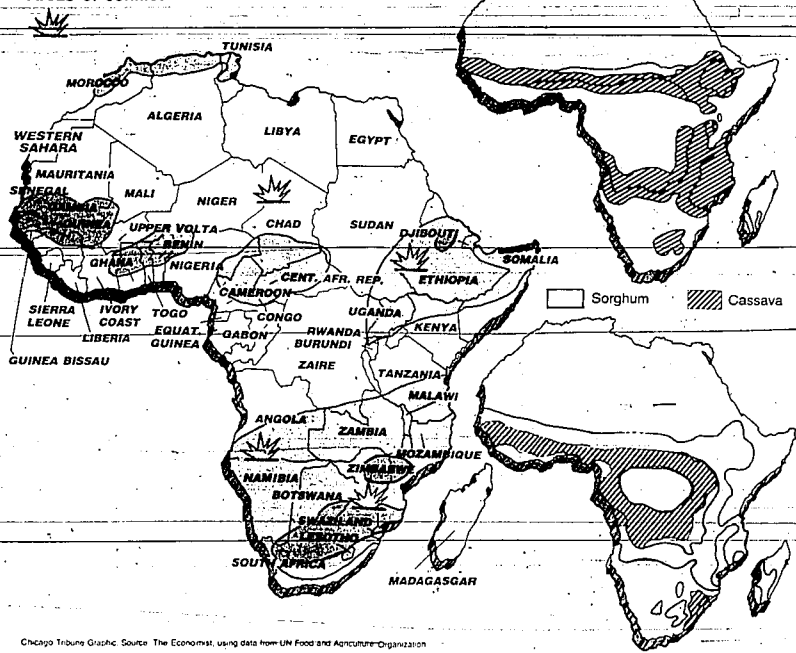
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African famine

If blame must be assigned, it's shared between man and nature

By JAMES R. PEIPERT
The Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere was scathing in his indictment of Western governments, saying they didn't respond to the plight of famine-stricken Africa until their people "saw corpses on the television."

Speaking of bumper crops and "food mountains" in the developed world, the newly elected chairman of the Organization of African Unity told a news conference here that "we must not allow people to die when we have the means to stop a disaster."

But assigning the blame for a prolonged drought and famine, which has pushed more than six million Ethi-

opians to the brink of starvation and threatens a total of some 35 million people in Africa, is not an easy task. And some say it would be a fruitless exercise anyway.

"There's more than enough blame to go around," Rep. Howard Wolpe, a Michigan-Democrat who heads a House subcommittee on Africa, told an American television audience.

"The issue at this point is how do we save the lives of literally tens upon tens of thousands of people who are dying."

One could first point a finger at nature itself — at shifting cyclo-

patterns that failed to bring seasonal rains, at a cruel and relentless sun that has baked and cracked once-fertile land and dried up rivers and res-

ervoirs. But droughts are part of nature's pattern, and Africa's farmers and herders also bear a burden of blame. Over many centuries, the land has become denuded and exhausted by the cutting of trees for firewood, overgrazing of livestock, the failure to rotate crops so the land can lie fallow and replenish itself.

Ethiopia's Central Highlands, covering an area the size of France and home to 70 percent of the country's population, are a case in point.

Once a vast wooded watershed, the region has been stripped of trees over centuries of habitation in this ancient land and now is "Grand Canyon country" — in the words of a Western diplomat — with precipitous barren

hillsides and gorges scored by ero-

sion. A report issued by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization earlier this year called the highlands one of the world's largest areas of "ecological degradation." It said 30 percent of the highlands was forested in 1935 and only 3 percent now.

Ethiopia's Agriculture Ministry has said 494,000 acres of forest are being destroyed and 148,000 acres of arable land are being lost every year through cutting of trees and erosion.

African governments, specialists say, should also shoulder some of the blame for an 11 percent decline in the continent's per-capita food produc-

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Area still needs much more rain

Greenery's arrival sudden, deceptive

By JAMES F. SMITH
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Recent soaking rains across much of southern Africa have produced some stunning greenery in a region that has been parched and brown for three years.

But no one is predicting the end of southern Africa's worst drought in decades. Months of steady rain are needed, through the region's summer growing season from November to harvest time in May.

The miracle of Africa is that with a bit of rain, the grassland "veld" revives, flowers spring up and summer arrives in a burst of color.

The miracle is deceptive. Farmers remember how their hopes rose and fell a year ago, when it rained in November, crops sprouted and then withered during the dry, broiling months that followed.

"It's not over by a long shot," said Tom Taubokong, director of field services for Botswana's Ministry of Agriculture. "We've had some fairly good rains in the past two weeks. But

they haven't kept up, and they have fallen in isolated areas."

Nevertheless, Taubokong said in a telephone interview, "It's very encouraging. . . If (the rains) continue, we might have a better year."

It would be hard for Botswana to have a worse year.

The 1984 harvest was between 10,000 and 15,000 tons, compared with maize consumption of about 150,000 tons. In a normal year, Botswana produces 100,000 tons.

Cattle mean wealth and security for the 1 million Botswanans. The country's herd has dropped from 3 million to 2.6 million in the past three years, a loss of about \$40 million.

The drought has caused damage that will take years to repair. Cattle have devoured the roots of the grass to survive, stripping vast areas that won't recover for several seasons. The water table has dropped.

With minuscule harvests for the past three years, there was no seed. Botswana is giving every farm household 22 pounds of seed, but many draft animals are too weak to pull plows.

Neighboring Zimbabwe has had widespread rains, and an official of the Commercial Farmers Union official said, "Throughout the country, farmers are busy on their land to get the best they can from the new season."

Zimbabwe was forced to import 200,000 tons of maize this year. But Agriculture Minister Dennis Norman said recently that, despite the drought, farmers produced 900,000 tons of grain, double the predicted amount, with 35 percent coming from communal farmers who produced little more than subsistence crops before independence in 1980.

Mozambique has suffered most, with the government estimating that 73,000 people in rural areas died of the famine in 1983. The situation is less bleak this year, thanks to foreign aid efforts, but some people are still dying.

The biggest fear in Mozambique is that "aid may stop coming in precisely when it is most needed, from now until April, the earliest one can hope for a decent harvest," according to journalist Paul Fauvel of the Mozambique News Agency.

He said some officials worry that because the

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'For sale' signs go up at Johnson

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

UPPER SADDLE RIVER, N.J. — Western Union Corp. will sell off E.F. Johnson Co., its mobile telephone subsidiary, to raise needed cash and to narrow the scope of its telecommunications business.

But Johnson's Twin Falls plant, which employs just more than 100 workers now, still is expected to figure prominently in the company's future, E.F. Johnson president Frederick Boswell said.

Western Union spokesman Warren Bechtel said late last week the corporation is divesting E.F. Johnson two years after acquiring the Minnesota-based manufacturer with a stock reportedly valued at \$132 million.

The New Jersey corporation's Field Services Division also is going on the block, and other assets could follow, Bechtel said.

The communications plant is letting the operations go for two main reasons.

"We feel we have to sharpen the focus of our efforts within the telecommunications industry," he said. It has to pare down to the business prospects that offer the best fit for its strengths, he said.

"Combined with that is that we find ourselves in a situation where cash is an important near-term consideration," Bechtel said.

Western Union recently suspended dividends on both its common and preferred stock after a financing group of eight major banks canceled a \$100 million line of credit for the company.

"Our latest reported results indicate we are operating in the red, so cash has become an important consideration," the spokesman said in a phone interview. The corporation

posted a \$15.5 million loss in the third quarter and has said it expects to report a loss in the fourth quarter, according to business press.

Bechtel said he could not provide any information about potential buyers or the progress of the sell-off.

E.F. Johnson president Boswell said he also could not comment on any aspect of the sale. But, although the future operation of the radiotelephone manufacturer could change, he said the Twin Falls division remains a vital part of current plans.

"The plant in Twin Falls figures prominently in our expansion plan and will be a major facility in our expansion for some years to come," Boswell said.

The plant had expected rapid increase in work force after starting a production line for cellular mobile telephones during 1984. Although the assembly line is in operation, the expansion hasn't occurred as quickly as expected, said Dick Conover, division manager.

He attributed the slower growth to delays in developing cellular radio networks in major metropolitan areas nationwide. The cellular networks are a new development that allow many more mobile phones to be on the air in any one area than conventional networks.

The mobile phones, which are carried in autos and other vehicles, must be compatible with the networks and are operated on special radio bands.

E.F. Johnson's management had planned to have as many as 300 employees working at the plant on the south side of Twin Falls by early 1985.

Instead, though, it has had to drastically slow hiring and, in mid-November, lay off 10 percent of the work force. The factory now

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Overseas program gets surplus grain

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A little-known "overseas donation program" has been expanded to include surplus U.S. wheat in addition to government-owned dairy products.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block announced the addition of wheat to the program on Thursday. The grain, along with the dairy products, will be available to foreign governments and to humanitarian organizations assisting needy nations and peoples outside the United States.

Block said that the commodities being made available indefinitely and will not compete with regular commercial trade.

The dairy commodities in the program include non-fat dry milk, butter and oil and cheese.

Some members of Congress had urged Block to include wheat in the program. Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., for example, said last month that "mountains of U.S. surplus food just sit in federal storage" when it should be going to help hungry people in Africa and other needy areas of the world.

Under Secretary Daniel G. Amstutz, who oversees international affairs and commodity programs for the Agriculture Department, said reporters that the addition of wheat to the so-called "Section 416" program — part of a 1949 law — was "in keeping with the president's directive" to use available resources to help

alleviate world hunger.

President Reagan on Wednesday announced the release of 300,000 metric tons of wheat from a government-owned reserve for relief in Ethiopia and other drought-stricken parts of Africa.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat. Thus, the 300,000 tons would be about 11 million bushels.

In the last fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30, about 200,000 tons of surplus dairy products were donated for use in foreign countries, Amstutz said.

This year, although it's only a guess at this time, donations could reach 300,000 tons.

The commodities, including the dairy products and newly designated wheat, are already owned by the USDA's Commodity Credit Corp., acquired under the government's farm price support operations. The donations are made at a financial loss.

For example, an aide to Amstutz said, the world market value of the dairy donations in the last fiscal year was about \$160 million. The CCC's actual investment was around \$435 million.

The Section 416 food aid is handled jointly by USDA and the Agency for International Development, which is part of the State Department.

Amstutz said he had no estimate of the amount of wheat that might be requested under the Section 416 program, but that "supplies are adequate" to handle anything that develops.

The November parity ratio of 55 percent was down one point from October. It was also .55 percent in November 1983.

Last April the index rose to 146 percent, an all-time high, and then declined in May to 144 percent where it remained until edging down in August and September as 1984 crop prospects were better known.

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Under the parity formula, prices farmers get for commodities are

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Big harvests push down commodity prices

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Commodity prices at the farm, burdened by this year's big harvests of corn, wheat and other crops, continued to decline in November, says the Agriculture Department.

Officials said the index dropped 0.7 percent from the October level, averaging only 1.5 percent above a year earlier. It was the fourth straight month the index had declined, after folding fairly steady since last spring.

Lower prices for oranges, lettuce, corn, grapefruit and tomatoes were mainly responsible for the index

decline from October to November, the department's Crop Reporting Board said. Those were only partly offset by higher farm prices for hogs, eggs, cattle, potatoes and turkeys.

The prices farmers paid in November for supplies, services, interest, taxes and wages were unchanged from October. But those still averaged 1.2 percent above their year-earlier levels. Prices of feeder livestock and fuel were down, but higher prices for family living items, automobiles and trucks offset those declines.

Crop prices generally were 5.1 percent lower than in October and averaged 2.2 percent below a year ago. Livestock and livestock products

prices were up 2.2 percent from the previous month and were 4.4 percent higher than the year-earlier level.

A major reason for the drop in crop prices has been a return to larger plantings of key crops this year. The government's acreage programs in 1983, along with severe drought, cut production sharply and helped boost market prices.

Now, 1984 crop production has returned to more normal levels. That has softened prices, particularly for corn and other feed.

Department economists are predicting a sharp upturn in 1984 overall farm income because of greater production and a rebuilding of inventories, and they say food prices may

rise about 4 percent this year, significantly above last year's 2.1 percent increase, the smallest since 1967.

The USDA has not issued its 1985 forecast, but some economists say privately that food prices could increase at around this year's rate or even less, depending on weather conditions through mid-1985.

According to the preliminary November figures, based primarily on mid-month averages, the index for meat animals was up 2.1 percent from October and was 9.8 percent above a year earlier.

Poultry and eggs were up 8.5 percent from October but were down 8.6 percent from a year earlier. Vegetable prices plummeted 21

percent from October levels, averaging 16 percent below year-earlier levels. The big factor was a drop in lettuce prices.

The feed grains index dropped 1.5 percent from October, averaging 2.3 percent below November 1983. Corn dropped an additional 6 cents per bushel during the month, but sorghum was up 3 cents per hundredweight.

Fruit prices overall were down 15 percent from October, but still averaged 10 percent more than a year earlier. Sharply lower prices for oranges contributed most to the decline during the month, although prices also were down for grapefruit, lemons and apples.

Overall, November farm commodity prices averaged 137 percent of a 1977 base used for comparison, according to the preliminary figures, one point less than in October. A year earlier, the index was 135 percent.

Last April the index rose to 146 percent, an all-time high, and then declined in May to 144 percent where it remained until edging down in August and September as 1984 crop prospects were better known.

The November parity ratio of 55 percent was down one point from October. It was also .55 percent in November 1983.

Under the parity formula, prices farmers get for commodities are

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Bill uncertainty clouds future

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not many rosy forecasts were issued at this year's national agricultural conference.

Many of the experts seemed to be waiting for something to happen — such as the 1985 farm bill.

The three-day conference, which ended this past Wednesday, is held annually by the Agriculture Department to present some of the latest thinking on the U.S. and global economies — and where farmers may be headed.

In addition to the usual uncertainties about weather in the United States and abroad, this year's conference was clouded by the impending debate on farm policy, which will unfold as Congress takes up new farm legislation next year.

Speaker after speaker recited the basic issue at hand in the 1985 farm bill: Will Congress go along with administration proposals, as yet unannounced, for reducing the role of government in farming, or will it stick with the traditional programs that provide price supports and production controls?

Whatever is decided will have a large bearing on how the agricultural sector develops beginning in 1986 when the new law goes into effect.

Meanwhile, USDA experts expect to perform as they are paid to do — by issuing tentative forecasts for 1985. Here, in brief form, are some:

FARM INCOME

Crop prices are likely to remain under pressure from large global supplies. Livestock prices could average higher than they did in 1984. With larger crop marketings in 1985

and somewhat higher livestock prices, overall farm cash receipts could increase.

However, greater spending for production "inputs" and a drop in federal farm payments point to a decline in net farm income next year to a range of \$19 billion to \$24 billion, compared with a 1984 forecast of \$29 billion to \$33 billion.

Net farm income, which reflects the swings in value of farm inventories, plummeted to a 12-year low of \$16.1 billion in 1983, as crop production dropped because of drought and the government's acreage cutbacks.

The cattle inventory on Jan. 1, 1985, is expected to show a further decline of 2 percent or 3 percent as producers continue cutting back on breeding herds.

Beef production, which rose slightly in 1984, is expected to decline 3 percent or 4 percent next year, primarily as a result of smaller cow slaughter.

Prices of fed cattle are expected to edge higher, perhaps averaging \$45 to \$50 per hundredweight over the entire year, compared with around \$65 for Choice steers on the Omaha, Neb. market in 1984.

Hog producers are still cautious about expanding significantly. Total pork output in 1985 may be at about the same level as this year. Market prices — for slaughter — hogs are expected to average \$48 to \$52 per hundredweight in the first quarter of next year, compared with \$48 last January-March.

Prices may be fairly stable in the range of \$48 to \$54 in the second quarter, rising to \$51 to \$55 in the third. In the fourth quarter of 1985, prices may be around \$48 to \$52.

Broiler prices, meanwhile, are expected to slip in 1985 as producers step up production. That will help keep pressure on red meat prices. Egg output also is on the rise, which will dampen prices through mid-year, at least.

DAIRY
After declining slightly this year, milk production in 1985 is expected to increase again by about 1 percent. Prices paid to farmers are likely to be somewhat lower.

With feed prices down this fall, producers may increase their rate of grain feeding. In 1985, milk yield per cow is expected to increase above year-earlier levels as the effect of the government's "paid diversion" program ends. Under it, for 16 months beginning last Jan. 1, participating farmers are paid to reduce milk marketings.

WHEAT
Supplies are still large, including 1984's bumper harvest, the third largest in U.S. history. Some increase in harvested acreage could occur in 1985, depending on final sign-up in the government's program. Under one method of projecting, corn output could be around 2.6 billion bushels, compared with 2.57 billion this year. Prices could average could weaken, depending on the export situation.

Prices in the 1984-85 marketing year could average \$3.35 to \$3.55 per bushel, compared with \$3.54 in 1983-84.

FEED GRAINS
Fed by a bumper corn harvest this fall, the 1984-85 supply of feed grains will be up sharply to an estimated 277 million metric tons from 247 million tons in the last marketing year. The tonnage includes other feed as well as

corn, such as sorghum, oats and barley.

This year's corn crop, which accounts for the bulk of the feed grain total, is estimated at 7.59 billion bushels. Total use in 1984-85 is forecast at 7.1 billion bushels, meaning there will be a buildup in inventories by next Oct. 1, the beginning of the new marketing year.

Corn prices are expected to be \$2.65 to \$2.95 per bushel over this marketing year, compared with \$3.20 in 1983-84.

SOYBEANS
This year's harvest rebounded to 1.9 billion bushels from less than 1.64 billion in 1983. Prices over the whole 1984-85 marketing season are expected to average \$6 to \$7.20 per bushel, compared with \$7.75 last season.

Soybean acreage in 1985 will probably not change much from this year. What is potentially more significant will be the 1985 yields. Those, on a per-acre basis, have been below normal the past two years.

COTTON
The 1984 cotton crop also is larger, some 13.3 million bales against 7.8 million last year. By the end of the 1984-85 marketing year, cotton reserves are expected to rise by about two million bales.

Stocks are rising, despite restrictive acreage reduction requirements in the 1984 and 1985 cotton programs, because of record yields this year and because the use of cotton by textile mills — and exports — are declining.

Assuming a good sign-up in the 1985 program, next year's cotton crop could range from 10 million to 12.5 million bales.

Trade winds

William B. Maguire has been named manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co. at Twin Falls. He replaces George N. Felker, who has been assigned to manage the retailer's Idaho Falls store. Maguire had been operating manager, the second-ranking position, in Sears' Southglenn store in the Denver area before coming to Twin Falls.

Rodney (Roe) C. Torell has been appointed northeast Nevada livestock agent for the University of Nevada-Reno Cooperative Extension Service. Torell, who will be based at Elko, succeeds Randy Mills, who resigned to accept another job. Torell will work with the livestock industry and with 4-H members in the area.

Gary Van Roekel has been appointed sales manager for the Home Satellite Marketing Division of CommTek Publishing Co. of Halley. Van Roekel will be responsible for advertising sales in three magazines — Satellite Orbit, Satellite Dealer and VideoSat News — published by CommTek. Van Roekel formerly was an account executive with Advertising Associates of Sun Valley.

John P. Ross of Buhl has been licensed as a registered barber and Joseph D. Gulick of Twin Falls has been licensed as an apprentice barber by the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses. Licenses were issued as a result of the state barber's exam last month.

Glenda Snyder, financial services representative in Idaho Bank & Trust Co.'s office at Twin Falls, has been designated a certified sales professional for consistently high sales performance. The cer-



GARY VAN ROEKEL
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Cherri Suter, a speech language pathologist, recently attended the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association convention in San Francisco. The convention included a number of professional presentations on treatment of communicative disorders.

On the move

Continental merges with Sinclair group

TWIN FALLS — Continental Gold & Silver Exchange of Twin Falls has merged into the Sinclair & Co. group of financial companies, owner David Hutchins says.

Nat called Sinclair & Co. Precious Metals, the business will handle gold and silver bullion sales, coin investments and other metals transactions.

Hutchins, who is contracted by Sinclair & Co. as metals and coins broker, says the consolidation will increase the client base for his business and will give the Sinclair group a precious metals branch.

"It is their business, and I feel that most portfolios should have 10 to 15 percent of the portfolio in hard investment products," he says. "It rounds out the total investment program for Sinclair."

Through a number of corporations, Sinclair & Co.

operates a securities brokerage house, commodities trading company and other financial services.

Continental Gold & Silver Exchange has operated at 633 Bluff Lake Blvd. N. in Twin Falls for the past five years with Hutchins as president.

It now has moved into the former Foster & Marshall/American Express offices at 202 Shoshone St. E., which is being developed into Sinclair & Co.'s central brokerage house. Its commodities company already has moved in and the securities company is planning to join the business in January, said Zane Lindley, president of Sinclair & Co. Securities Inc.

The commodities and stock operations have been located at the headquarters of Aurora Capital Corp., a major partner in Sinclair & Co. Inc., at 2563 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Johnson

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employees 105 workers.

"We're adopting a relatively conservative stance because of this market situation," Converse said.

However, some reports in business newspapers also suggest that E.F. Johnson has been at a disadvantage because it entered the cellular market later than other competitors, such as Motorola Corp. and several Japanese manufacturers.

Converse said that E.F. Johnson is situated satisfactorily in the market.

"We're getting market penetration about what we expected," he said last week.

The executive said he could not talk about 1985 plans for competitive reasons.

The Twin Falls plant primarily produces cellular phones, but also manufactures and repairs conventional mobile telephones. It also is working on land mobile industrial phones, which operate on different radio frequencies than mobile phones, and is researching other products.

Insurance seminar planned

TWIN FALLS — Southern Idaho Life Underwriters Association is sponsoring a seminar for insurance professionals from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Canyon Springs Inn. Roger Zener, director of advanced sales for Standard Insurance Co. of Oregon, will discuss selling techniques, including ideas about simplifying insurance provisions for customers.

Cost of the seminar is \$20. People interested in attending should call Mary Jo at Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York office in Twin Falls.

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Conover's Candies to move location under new owners

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

BUILT — Conover's Chaiet Candies Inc. of Buhl has gained a following among Magic Valley sweet toothers for the past 16 years.

The company's mint Melloways and chocolate-covered everything have become local favorites at Christmas and during the Twin Falls County Fair.

The candies now are going to be

produced year-round instead of just in two big candy-making seasons, but master confectioner John Conover no longer will be running the company and stringing the salt water taffy that comes in a chaiet-shaped box.

Conover, his wife Betty and business partner Jeaneene Frazier have sold Conover's Chaiet Candies and its recipes to Martha Busmann of Buhl and Barbara Sackett of Filer. The two sisters look upon Conover's retirement as a chance to get into business together, said Busmann last week.

The new owners will move the company's candy kitchen to new quarters at another sister's farm 1 1/2 miles south of Curry Crossing between Filer and Twin Falls after Jan. 1, she said.

The Conovers had converted their garage five miles northwest of Buhl along U.S. 30 into a candy plant. "There really isn't a shop, and that's what we hope to have — a shop — and then we're going to be on a year-round basis," Busmann said. "There is a demand."

Conover made and sold candy only twice a year — in the weeks up to Christmas and at the Twin Falls County Fair in early September. But they had brisk over-the-counter business and many wholesale clients, particularly at Christmas.

"A large percentage of his business

is companies who order for the employees and preferred customers, clients that type of thing," said Busmann.

"At the new location, they hope to open a retail outlet and to expand the wholesale business to resort areas, such as Sun Valley, and other accounts. The company will largely draw on family, beginning with sister Florence Osterkamp and husband Herman, who will house the new shop on their farm, Busmann said.

We hope to get everybody involved," she said.

"We hope to be going by Valentine's (Day) time, but that is just a tentative thing," she said.

The new owners have been working alongside Conover during the holiday production season to learn his techniques and Conover will have no stake in the company, he has agreed to remain as a consultant, she said.

The sale of Conover's Chaiet Candies was concluded Oct. 8. Busmann did not disclose terms of the deal.

Conover also was not available for comment. You see, he was busy making sugary delicacies such as pecan and caramel chocolates, cordial cherries, English butter toffee, bite-sized-jellies and, of course, Mint Melloways — a minty little sandwich that he developed himself.

Jobless role seminar set

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley farmers and ranchers can find out how unemployment insurance rules affect their operations at a free, half-day seminar sponsored by Job Service of Idaho and its Twin Falls Employers Committee this week.

The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. It will cover the basics of unemployment benefits and will specifically discuss contract labor.

Job Service representatives will be available to answer questions.

Food spending to go up next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not only are food prices expected to go up again next year, but Americans are expected to eat a little more. That will mean food spending will put on a little added weight.

The Agriculture Department said at an outlook conference held this past week that 1985 food prices, on the average, will go up an additional 2 percent to 3 percent, compared with a 4 percent gain this year.

Food consumption, according to USDA economists, is expected to increase next year to about \$46 billion, from \$38.3 billion this year. That would include \$11.4 billion of food eaten away from home, up from \$10.7 billion this year. Food eaten at home is expected to cost \$29.3 billion in 1985, compared with \$27.7 billion this year.

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their local Better Business Bureau, or local Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Postal Service, Washington D.C. 20260.

Q: I went into a retail store to purchase an advertised "pictured" sale item only to find the smaller, cheaper item on sale. A seat cover advertised was really a cushion. Can they do this?
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Guide For Business that was put out by the Treasure Valley Better Business Bureau and the Boise Advertising Federation, it says: "The composition and layout of advertisements should be such as to minimize the possibility of misunderstanding by the reader. For example, prices illustrations, or descriptions shall not be so placed in an advertisement as to give the impression that the price or terms of featured merchandise apply to other merchandise in the advertisement when such is not the fact. An advertisement shall not be used which features merchandise at a price or terms boldly displayed, together with illustrations of higher-priced merchandise, so arranged as to give the impression that the lower price or more favorable terms apply to the other merchandise, when such is not the fact."

In other words, no. Here are some new names of previous schemes mentioned in the past: Shamrock Leisure Travels; new name, Shamrock Photo Club, travel offer via postcard. Meddock and Sons; new name, Mitchell Brothers or Charles Bond and Co., if the gift offer via postcard.

With the weather turning cold again this season we would like to share some tips with you about home insulation.

While the energy crisis is no longer part of our daily news coverage, the cost of heating and cooling homes

continues to consume a large portion of the average American's monthly income.
 Surprisingly, many homeowners have not taken measures that would trim their home's fuel costs. Some energy experts estimate that eight out of ten houses in the U.S. are not adequately insulated. The Better Business Bureau urges homeowners to check the following areas of their homes for adequate insulation and take corrective action if necessary:
 • **Attic.** There should be adequate insulation between the floor joists or the rafters.
 • **Walls.** If the inside facing of an exterior wall feels much colder (during cool months) than the facing of an interior wall (one that separates rooms) wall insulation may be inadequate.
 • **Floors.** Floors over unheated crawl spaces, garages or basements should be insulated.
 • **Windows.** Inspect caulking for cracks or missing sections and make use of multi-paned windows or storm windows.
 • **Doors.** Is there weatherstripping around the frame, and does the door fit snugly? Doors leading outside should either be double-paned or have storm doors.
 • **Outside.** Walk around the house to check for gaps or cracks in the exterior, especially around doors, windows, chimneys and where piping or wiring enter the house.
 The key to selecting the proper type

and amount of insulation is to consider the insulating power of the material. This is rated by "R-values." The greater the R-value, the greater the insulating power. An R-22 material, for example, provides nearly twice the heat resistance of an R-11 material.
 Although the amount of insulation required depends on such factors as the climate of where you live, local utility rates and the amount of existing insulation, the following recommended ranges can provide guidance:
 • **Ceilings:** R-19 to R-38; walls: R-11 to R-7; floors: R-10 to R-19.
 If you choose to insulate your home

by yourself, the Better Business Bureau recommends that you get the advice of a knowledgeable store or manufacturer's representative, or insulation contractor before beginning the project.
 If you would like a copy of "Consumer Tips on Home Insulation" we have available, please send 10¢ and a self-addressed, stamped business sized envelope to: BBB, 409 W. Jefferson, Boise, ID, 83702.

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Boise Cascade forced to shut Minnesota site

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn. (AP) — Boise Cascade Corp., one of the largest employers in northern Minnesota, announced the permanent closing Thursday of its transverse board siding plant in International Falls.
 The announcement, made by the company and Gov. Rudy Perpich's office in St. Paul, said the 70-year-old plant would be closed immediately and about 565 employees would be laid off.
 About 500 employees in the International Falls area and 65 associated with Insultite's sales staff are affected.

Boise Cascade officials said the company would continue to operate its paper mill in International Falls. The company is the largest employer in the Canadian border city of 5,611 people and the layoffs are expected to have a devastating effect on the area economy.

State officials estimated Boise Cascade employs about 500 workers in the paper mill.
 In addition to the company layoffs, Steve Thorne, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Natural Resources, estimated that the equivalent of 160 full-time logging jobs would be lost because of the shutdown. Independent loggers supply fiber for the Boise Cascade plant.

The Insultite plant produced 220 million square feet of product in 1983, the company said.

Thorne planned a meeting Thursday evening with officials of the DNR's Forestry Division to discuss possible alternative uses for the plant.

Gov. Rudy Perpich and state Energy and Economic Development Commissioner Mark Dayton made last-minute appeals to Boise's chief executive officer, John Perry. Perpich called Perry from Europe, where he is leading a three-week state trade delegation, the governor's office said.

Both Perpich and Dayton stressed the state's willingness to offer financial and tax incentives, the governor's office said. But Perry advised state officials that the problem with the plant were long-term and structural, and not amenable to help from the state.

Despite the immediate shutdown, Boise Cascade officials said all employees will receive their regular pay through Dec. 31.

Plant manager Al Turenne told an employees' meeting that the Insultite mill has been unprofitable and that losses are expected to continue. He said the facility has experienced several periods of market-related downtime over the past several years.

"The Insultite plant has been losing money for several reasons," Turenne said.

"The major markets for hardwood siding have shifted from the industrial Midwest, which the mill was originally designed to serve, to the Sunbelt states and other distant areas.
 "Thus, the high cost of shipping our product to market has put us at a disadvantage. The hardwood industry has operated at only 75 percent of its production capacity in recent years, which has dampened prices and hampered profitability."
 He said the International Falls plant is antiquated, which adds to its high overall operating costs. Labor rates are significantly higher than those of Boise's competitors, Turenne said.

In addition to regular pay through the end of the year, Turenne said company employees would receive other benefits.

Salaried employees will receive up to six months severance pay, to be determined by their salary and years of service with the company. Terminated employees will also be paid for unused vacation and their health-care program and other insurance coverage will continue, Turenne said.

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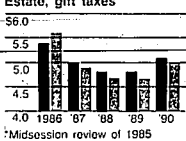
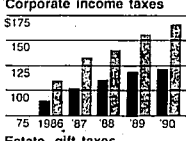
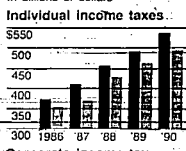
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Dairy group honors Pline

BOISE — Dale S. Pline, president of Dairymen's Creamery Association at Caldwell, has been named to the Dairy Hall of Fame by United Dairymen's Association of Idaho for outstanding leadership in the state's dairy industry.

Pline, who is the 23rd Idaho dairy farmer to be honored, is the first recipient to follow his father into the hall of fame. Herbert Pline was honored in 1971.

Dale Pline also headed the Idaho Dairymen's Association during 1974, and is a member of a number of dairy and livestock organizations. He serves on the board of directors of the Western Dairymen Cooperative, Inc. Pline farms 375 acres and milks 80 registered Holstein cows near Nampa.

As a year-end tax-planning device when contemplating marriage, if you and your spouse-to-be have earned similar incomes this year, postpone the wedding until 1985. You'll save tax dollars.

But if you have earned a substantial income this year and your spouse-to-be spouse has earned little or nothing, get married before year-end and file a joint return. The tax savings will help pay for the honeymoon.

Personal exemptions are deductions from adjusted gross income in the amount of \$1,000 each and a person is your dependent if you furnish more than 50 percent of the person's support. The law spells out family relationships — and income limitations — necessary for the dependency relationship, but generally, anyone you support in your home can be a dependent.

Divorce and separation can cause tax problems, and the 1984 legislation attempted to alleviate some of these. The dependency exemption for the child of divorced or separated parents generally will be allocated to the custodial parent unless that parent signs a declaration that the exemp-



Sylvia Porter

Third in a series

tion will not be claimed. The non-custodial parent must attach the declaration to his or her tax return, says Laventhol & Horwath, certified public accountants.

In the past, a married individual living apart could file as a single head of a household if 1) he or she had been living apart for the entire taxable year, and 2) there was a dependent child living in the household for the full year.

The "entire taxable year" provision was changed in 1984 so that it applies to people living apart with their dependents for "more than half of the taxable year." This new provision takes effect for 1985 and offers planning opportunities for next year.

Planning between divorced spouses

depends upon the ability of the parties to communicate with each other. Most of you know that alimony is tax deductible by the payer and taxable income to the recipient. Support payments are neither. Thus, it may be possible to pay more dollars in alimony than would have been paid as support at less after-tax cost.

This might be a useful bargaining point for either party. The new tax laws clarify the tax treatment of alimony. Generally, any cash payments over a period of at least six years will be treated as alimony if the payments terminate with the death or remarriage of the recipient's spouse.

These payments are treated as alimony even if the parties or the court designate them as something else — a property settlement, for example. Transfers of property in connection with a divorce are no longer taxable transactions. The recipient must assume the tax basis of the transfer. The new law changes apply to transfers executed after the end of this year.

Because there are separate tax tables for different classes of taxpayers, your filing status can make a

significant difference in your ultimate tax liability.

For married couples for single people, for married people, for people who qualify as heads of a household and for surviving spouses. Your filing status is determined as of the year-end.

There is no real choice. At the end of 1984, you are either married or unmarried. If you are a dependent child living with your entire taxable year, you can file as head of a household.

Two years ago died within the last two years and you have a dependent child, you may be able to use the lower rates for joint returns.

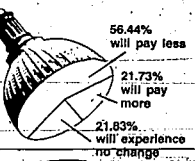
For married taxpayers, a joint return normally results in a lower tax than does a separate return — as Rep. Geraldine Ferraro's case revealed during the recent election campaign.

In the past, married taxpayers had similar incomes, the joint liability could exceed the total both would owe if they were single and filing separately. This was known as the "marriage penalty."

Congress provided a partial remedy for this by allowing two-earner married couples to deduct 10 percent of the earnings of the spouse with the smaller income up to a maximum of \$30,000. Thus, the maximum deduction is \$3,000. This doesn't

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Sylvia Porter writes on financial matters for Universal Press Syndicate.

U.S. sends sand to Iran in place of embargoed parts for jetfighters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The last thing Iran needs is more sand, but that is what it got in place of a shipment of embargoed parts for its U.S.-built F-4 Phantom jets, thanks to the U.S. Customs Service.

Agents in Denver discovered the shipment of parts and replaced it with sand during a routine inspection Oct. 25 at a Denver air freight firm, according to documents filed in Los Angeles federal court.

The parts — for the McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom — were being sent to a London firm which customs agents said has been under investigation regarding clandestine shipments to Iran.

Although the investigation focuses on two firms based in Utah and one in London, the documents were filed in Los Angeles to justify a search last month of the Camarillo facility of the Layton, Utah-based Elgie Corp.

Mark Williams, who manages the Camarillo facility, described it Thursday as "just a small machine shop. We're the little guys." He said he could not comment on the search and referred calls to his father, Fred Williams, who was not at the shop on

Thursday.

Most of Iran's military equipment was supplied by the United States until Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini came to power in 1979. Since then, the United States has imposed an arms embargo against Iran, forcing it to look elsewhere for spare parts to continue its war against neighboring Iraq.

"They have their people out searching all over the world for parts. They'll pay exorbitant prices," Gary Hillberry, special agent in charge of Denver region customs investigators, said.

No charges have been filed in the current investigation of Elgie and Evans Aircraft Industries in Layton, Utah, and Aircraft Equipment International Ltd. in London.

"It's too early to tell how long this has been going on," Hillberry said. "We'll have to examine the records we seized to decide how significant a problem this is."

Ron Lombardi, a Denver-based customs agent, wrote in court documents that the shipment seized Oct. 25 was from the two Utah firms that have made "in excess of 65 export

shipments of aircraft parts ... all without license in the past two years. The preliminary examination also indicates that the majority of the parts being exported in these shipments are for the F-4 Phantom."

The Customs service confiscated the aircraft parts and sent the container, packed with 1,128 pounds of sand and cement, to London, and Lombardi said he presumed it was routed to Iran.

Meanwhile, Lombardi said customs agents seized a separate shipment at a Salt Lake City freight company that was sent from Elgie to a West German firm. The shipment included a door section for an F-4 engine, Lombardi said.

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Profit dispute sidetracks plan to sell Conrail

By ROBERT F. DALLOS
The Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — In March 1981, when taxpayers had already fed billions of dollars in subsidies to the 5-year-old Consolidated Rail Corp., or Conrail, the Reagan administration said that it would seek to sell the 14,200-mile, 15-state freight-carrying railroad — in pieces if necessary.

Congress agreed, reserving to itself the right to approve the terms of any sale and specifying that Conrail should be sold as a whole if ever it became self-sufficient. Within months, the railroad boosted sale prospects by turning its first profit.

No formal timetable was ever set, but after some delays, the Department of Transportation solicited bids, setting a deadline for receiving them last June and with every expectation that a sale could be completed by the end of this year.

Now, no one in Washington or Philadelphia, where Conrail has its headquarters, is predicting how, when or to whom the railroad will be sold, or even if it will be. What looked like a sure bet at the start of 1984 is now the center of a controversy pitting Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole and the administration against a coalition of congressional critics and Conrail's management.

Dole denies that she has applied any brakes to the sale process and says she is merely proceeding carefully. But she has asked the Department of the Treasury to study tax and financial aspects of the sale, and various other studies virtually ensure that no sale will be concluded for months.

Just as Conrail's losses provided the initial impetus for the sale, now its profits are a major factor in the opposition to the current sale process. Since 1981, when the railroad made its first annual profit — \$39 million — its profits have climbed steadily: to \$174 million in 1982, \$213 million in 1983 and \$411 million for this year's first nine months — \$28 million more than it earned for all last year. The full-year profit is expected to be \$500 million, which represents a \$900 million turnaround from 1978, when the company reported a loss of more than \$400 million.

Such profits, as well as tax credits and special conditions designed to help Conrail get onto its feet, have made the carrier a hot property, with close to \$800 million in cash and more than \$6 billion in assets. And that has led many to charge that the government is in too much of a hurry to sell its 35 percent stake in the railroad; that it is going about the disposal in a way that will virtually give away a valuable property.

While the Department of Transportation is sticking by its plan to sell Conrail to a single entity and has winnowed its bidders down to three serious contenders, each of them offering about \$1.2 billion, critics of the sale believe that the railroad may be worth as much as \$3 billion.

Opposition to the single-buyer sale comes from a group of legislators led by Pennsylvania's two Republican senators and some members of its House delegation, and Conrail's management, led by Chairman and Chief Executive L. Stanley Crane. They argue that taxpayers can win a better return for their about \$7 billion in subsidies if Conrail is reorganized



as a publicly held company and then sold in a public offering.

The critics also argue that none of the three companies left on the Department of Transportation's list is qualified. The companies are Allegheny Corp., a New York investment company with a long history of involvement with railroads; an investor group led by hotelier J. Willard Marriott Jr. and the Bass brothers of Texas, and Norfolk Southern Corp., a rail holding company that competes in some areas with Conrail.

The congressional opposition to the sale is led by the Pennsylvania delegation because a third of Conrail's 40,000 employees and more than a quarter of its route mileage are in the state. Republican Sen. John Heinz argues that the economic security of the Northeast is at stake in the sale.

In a recent letter to Dole, Heinz charged that a takeover by Norfolk Southern would result in a dramatic reduction in competition and rail service, and that the two other bidders have nothing more than "a middleman's interest in buying, then reselling Conrail at the earliest date allowed."

Heinz says that he wants to prevent any single interest from holding more than 5 percent of Conrail to keep out "middlemen and fast-buck operators." "Among the numerous virtues of a public offering is the fact that wide dispersal of Conrail stock will avoid the kind of ill-advised concessions often required in private negotiations with interested parties," he says. "A public offering will ensure that the government receives the fairest possible return on its investment, a return set by market forces."

A key issue is the true worth of Conrail, which lost a total of \$1.5 billion in the first five years of government ownership. The government, responding to charges that it may sell a public treasure at bargain prices, asserts that Conrail's recent rosy profit picture is partly the result of special advantages, including exemption from state taxes and wage concessions from its employees, who own the remaining 15 percent of the carrier's stock.

book value — its assets minus its debts — was \$2.5 billion. Robert H. Platt, Conrail's executive vice president in finance and administration, suggested that the value was closer to \$4 billion.

Platt said that a public offering, over a period of three years, would possibly raise \$2 billion.

Nevertheless, Dole remains steadfastly opposed to a public offering. Among the risks she has cited are the possibility of a hostile takeover and that the government might be left holding large portions of stock. A private sale allows the government to pick an acceptable buyer and lay down conditions on how Conrail is to be treated, she argues.

The same worries about who might end up with control of Conrail and what they might do with it have led the railroad's management to a completely opposite position. Chairman Crane and other Conrail officials have been lobbying so vigorously for a public offering that Dole last month wrote to Conrail's board of directors asking whether it had authorized their actions and urging that it restrain them.

The management argues that under the current sale process, prospective buyers can raise huge sums or even finance their purchase of Conrail by using the railroad's own assets, cash reserves and credit worthiness.

Pointing out that Conrail had \$784 million in cash at the end of September and expected to have \$800 million by the year's end, Platt says: "Earnings and cash flow could enable a new owner to recover a purchase price... rather quickly from Conrail."

Additionally, a single buyer could acquire the ability to borrow substantial sums against Conrail's credit rating, and tend to lean toward the use of debt rather than equity financing (issuing more shares) because equity might dilute his control. This could create a further burden for Conrail.

All this prompted Daily Traffic World, a publication that covers the transportation industry, to compare Conrail's situation to last year's major league baseball season.

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Opposes public offering

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In addition, the Northeast Rail Services Act of 1981, under which Congress authorized the sale, gave the railroad a considerable boost by allowing management to cut its work force drastically and to abandon some money-losing commuter routes. At recent hearings conducted by Heinz's fellow Republican senator, Arlen Specter, Federal Railroad Administrator John Riley, appearing for the department, said that Conrail's



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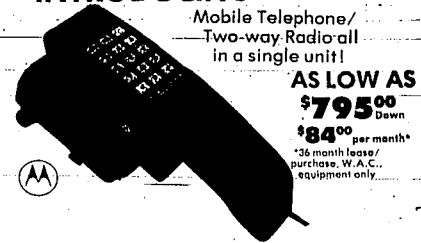
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Wine labels on exhibit

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If you're shelling out \$50 for a bottle of Chateau Mouton Rothschild, one of the world's most celebrated wines, you might want to steam off the label, frame it and hang it on the living room wall.

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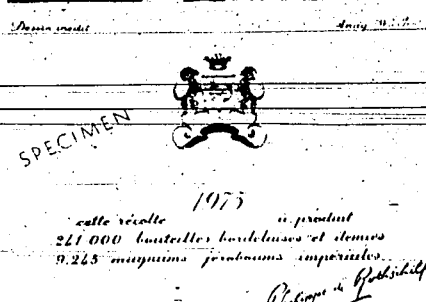
The contributors have included such illustrious names as Georges Braque, Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, Joan Miro, Jean Cocteau, Henry Moore, Robert Motherwell and Andy Warhol.

Their payment is several cases of the baron's famous wine from the Bordeaux region, which retails in Washington for about \$600 a case. And they have the freedom to paint whatever vision the wine inspires.

For the 1958 label, Dali drew a faun in ink and gold paint. This was not only a pun on the name "mouton" — the French word for sheep — but is Philippe de Rothschild's astrological sign, the Aries ram.

Moore, the venerable English sculptor, drew three chalices in cupped hands, signifying a solemn ritual, for the 1964 label. Miro's 1969 label was dominated by a huge, blood-red grape, bordered by the blues and yellows of the Rothschild racing silks.

Chagall's gouache, watercolor and crayon for the 1970 label shows a mother offering her child grapes plucked from the vine by a thrush. Picasso's nude figures dance wildly across the top of the 1973 label. In 1975, Warhol presented a double image of Baron Philippe, using the same photomontage technique he



Here's Andy Warhol's double image of Baron Philippe

employed to depict Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The tradition began in 1924, when the baron engaged French poster designer Jean Carlu to furnish a label painting to mark his revolutionary decision to bottle the entire vintage that year at the chateau. Instead of selling it in barrels to wine merchants.

Carlu's Cubist rain design was dropped from the label after a few years, but the paintings returned to stay in 1945, when the baron commissioned an unknown young artist

friend, Philippe Julian, to design a "V for Victory" label commemorating the Allied defeat of Nazi Germany.

The most recent label, for the 1982 vintage, expected to reach wine shops by the end of this year, was designed by movie director John Huston. His painting will be introduced at an exhibition of the Rothschild wine labels at the Corcoran Gallery of Art starting Saturday.

The exhibit was organized by the baron's daughter, Baroness Philippine de Rothschild.

Nicaraguans, despite chaos, obliged to aid coffee harvest

By MORRIS THOMPSON
Newsday

EL ROBLAR, Nicaragua — Two weeks ago, Catalina Davila, 30, left her six children with her sister in Managua and came north to this state-owned farm in the mountains to pick coffee.

She says she is loyal to the Sandinista revolution and needs the money.

If it stays peaceful around here, Davila says, she'll stay for all three months of Nicaragua's coffee harvest, which earns over 40 percent of the country's annual foreign exchange income, dollars badly needed in this country under siege by U.S.-sponsored guerrillas and by economic sanctions. That is, this coffee harvest may bring in \$140 million to \$150 million next year. Coffee growing and harvesting also are an important source of employment in a country with unemployment and underemployment that may total 40 percent.

This 935-acre farm, with 236 acres of coffee growing on its highest slopes, has 150 workers year-round and 310 extra pickers here now for the coffee harvest.

"We each have our obligations when the country is under attack," Davila said. "But I also don't make much money working in a little restaurant in Managua. Everything has gone up in price. I can pick six to eight latas (boxes) a day. And they're paying more than twice what they paid last year for each lata."

A picker gets about 21 cordobas a box (about \$2). Top production and picking on Sunday earn a bonus. Last year's per-box price was \$1.50.

Recognizing the importance of the coffee crop, the U.S.-sponsored anti-Sandinista guerrillas known as contras (short for counterrevolutionaries in Spanish) are trying to keep the leftist Sandinista government from harvesting the coffee. At least 60 percent of the coffee crop comes from this province, Matagalpa, or from Jinotega to the north. "This is good land," El Roblar's director, Antonio Martinez, 28, says proudly.

This is school vacation time and many young people are spending their holidays harvesting coffee beans. As Davila says, the work isn't that hard and the mountains are cool and gorgeous. At night, barracks full of typically uninhibited Nicaraguans often turn into a sort of big house party. "It's fun, man," said an 18-year-old soldier in a Harvard College sweat shirt.

For the past two harvests of export crops, the Sandinistas have had to make greater use of these brigades of students, military and politically sympathetic foreigners. Salvadoran migrant laborers have little use these days for the decrepit cordoba. About 162 pickers now at El Roblar are Salvadorans, a sharp drop from past years; about 70 are men and women soldiers; and the remainder are civilians like Davila.

This year, there also are fewer military harvesters. Many were put on alert because of the government's recent charges that the U.S. was planning an invasion and because 23,000 soldiers are guarding coffee

pickers, processing facilities and caravans of picked berries, a government minister says.

Sandinista officials say the contras once attacked mainly state farms, but now are attacking private facilities, too. "They are trying to sabotage and burn where you process the coffee," says Daniel Nunez, 45, one of the officials overseeing the harvest in Matagalpa and Jinotega.

Fortunately for the Sandinistas, Nunez says, most coffee in this area grows farther south than the contras have been able to reach. But the Sandinistas need every sack of coffee they can harvest and say the harvest will be a success if they come up with 80 percent of the potential crop.

It's not so hard to get people to pick coffee in places like El Roblar, some miles south of the nearest contra attacks, but Nunez says that 4,000 militiamen will be deployed this week to pick farther north. Some will stand guard while others harvest.

The contras' new attacks on private farms may reflect the reality of coffee production in Nicaragua.

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Black farmers failing

By JIM DRINKARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Black leaders have accused the Reagan administration of doing little to wipe out vestiges of racism they said are depriving black farmers of government aid, leading to a failure rate for black producers 2½ times that of their white counterparts.

"If the decline continues at the current rate, there will be virtually no black farming by the end of the century," Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., said at a news conference.

While government figures showed that 928,000 of the 6.4 million farms in 1980 were black-operated, only 37,000 of the nation's 4.4 million current farms are black-run.

Spokesmen for aid groups contended that black farmers in the South, where most are concentrated, are still struggling against a racist "good old boy network" that controls Agriculture Department offices there.

"We don't have access on par with our white counterparts," said Joe Brooks, president of the Atlanta-based Emergency Land Fund, a group that helps black farmers in the Southeast.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has been campaigning to register black voters and promoting the candidacy of Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale, called the inaction "classic, vintage Reagan anti-black, anti-poor behavior."

Jackson said that in 1980, the year before President Reagan took office, blacks received 3 percent of mortgage loans and 8 percent of operating loans from the Farmers Home Administration, or FmHA, the government agency that is the farm lender of last resort for those who cannot get loans from commercial sources.

Last year, blacks got just 1 percent of ownership loans and 5 percent of operating loans, he said. The average size of loans to blacks was less than half those made to whites, according to figures compiled by the aid groups.

Bill True, the top civil rights officer for FmHA, said he could not confirm those specific figures but agreed that the trend for loans to blacks was downward. "I can't defend the fact that the figures have gone down," he said.

But True said the agency has taken steps to ameliorate the situation, including contracting with North Carolina A&T University to develop a new financial management training system for young black farmers and beginning to hire black agricultural faculty members in 13 Southern states to work with state FmHA directors on problems particular to black farmers.

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Wheat grower warns of impact of high rates

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Reagan administration ponders how to restructure farm programs along "market-oriented" lines that ease away from traditional price-support policies, some voices are being raised about high interest rates and federal spending deficits that affect Americans in general.

Donavan C. Loesle, a Minnesota farmer and former president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, told a national agricultural outlook meeting here that "Our real problem is the huge federal deficit which places tremendous pressure on the demand for money and maintains interest rates for farmers and for other sectors of the economy at very high levels."

Loesle recalled that Treasury Secretary Donald Regan "uttered one of the more infamous statements" last spring when he said high interest rates did not impact on agriculture because interest charges were tax deductible.

"Mr. Regan made the false analogy that farmers were making money and paying taxes, but, furthermore, he showed virtually no understanding of how the U.S. economy functions," Loesle said.

Any policy that does not reduce interest rates "dramatically works



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against agriculture and the export sector," he said.

"Agriculture must unite and stand and demand the resignation of any Cabinet officer who believes that high interest rates and an inflated dollar do not harm trade and the agricultural economy, or else we have no choice but to look to higher

supports and be content to be a residual supplier or producer for the domestic market," Loesle said.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, speaking to the same outlook audience at the Agriculture Department, issued another call for reshaping federal farm programs, including the phasing out of all "un-

necessarily restrictive" curbs on the nation's producers.

Block, who has been leading a move by the Reagan administration for reductions in price support loans and costly direct subsidies to farmers, said he had a number of goals in mind for the 1985 farm bill.

The new bill should be long term and "should clearly state the direction of farm policy through the end of the 20th century" so that farmers can make long-term decisions, he said.

"Second, we need a market-oriented bill that will ensure that we are competitive in world markets," Block said. "Loan rates for all commodities should be set at market-clearing levels and tied to a percentage of a historic average of U.S. market prices for each commodity."

Block recently has been talking about setting loans at around 75 percent of a five-year market price average, said Dave Lane, an aide to the secretary.

A new omnibus farm bill should strive for consistency, Block told the outlook conference. International trade, conservation, credit, research and grain reserve policies should be "integrated with the objectives" of the commodity programs.

"Fourth, the legislation should provide for an orderly transition period of, say, five years through all commodity programs, as well as other

programs," Block said. "It should phase out obsolete and unnecessarily restrictive programs and phase in the market-oriented provisions."

But, as he has before, Block said that "we can't pull the rug out from underneath" farmers altogether.

At the end of the transition period, Block said, producers under the commodity programs "will be dealt with in a fair and equitable fashion."

One indication that Block has support in principle among some members of Congress came from Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Holmes, speaking to the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's annual state convention in Winston-Salem, N.C., said Tuesday that federal price support programs have become "inefficient and disastrously costly."

Farmers are going out of business

because farm policies have priced their products out of world markets, said Helms.

"Circumstances have changed," he said. "U.S. agriculture is now subject to global economic conditions. Our farm programs have become inefficient and disastrously costly."

But Helms said he was committed to retaining the federal price support program for tobacco, which has come under increasing attack from critics in Congress.

Delegates in this major tobacco-producing state applauded when he said the poundage quotas restricting how much each farmer may raise should continue, but that they will require some adjustments.

Lauding the free-enterprise system, Helms said "the times demand a return to these principles to correct the problems in the tobacco program and other farm programs."

USDA shuffles reporting dates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is reshuffling some of its major reports in an effort to lessen the chance that the statistics may be contradictory, thus causing turmoil in the commodities markets.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block told USDA's outlook conference here this week that beginning in January some of the reports will be issued on the same day instead of strung out over a period of days.

For example, all monthly reports that deal with domestic and world crop production, stocks of U.S. crops, and worldwide supply and demand estimates

will be issued on the same day during the second week of each month.

Also, he said, a 12-member outside review panel will be named to review the statistical methods used in gathering crop and livestock estimates, and USDA's economic and outlook work.

The panel, to be named later this month, will include representatives from universities, agricultural businesses, commodity or farm organizations, and similar groups.

Block said the panel will make final recommendations by May 1 regarding the procedures used by the department.

Domestic cotton stocks building

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sluggish economic growth and competition from imported textiles will force cotton stocks upward by 2 million bales to 4.8 million by the end of this season, the Agriculture Department predicts.

Record 1984 yields, declining mill use and curtailed exports are combining to push stocks upward, despite efforts to curb planted acreage, the department said in a preliminary situation report.

Mill use for the 1984-85 season was forecast at 5.3 million bales, with cotton exports forecast at 6.1 million bales.

Association director high on spud quality

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Only Idaho potatoes this year have the color and solids content required to meet the exacting French fry needs of the fast-food industry, the executive director of the Idaho Potato Growers Association says.

Meldon Anderson said the quality of Idaho's product, combined with the fact that French-fry potato stocks have been critically low for the past year, while fast-food sales are up dramatically, paints a rosy picture for the state's spud industry.

Anderson told a group of civic leaders in Idaho Falls that, based on contracts made by growers he represents and Ore-Ida Foods' estimates, the federal government overestimated Idaho potato production by as much as 10 percent this year.

If true, the value of Idaho potatoes could increase significantly from the current \$5.50 to \$6 per hundredweight now being paid some growers in eastern Idaho by processors, he said.

Ore-Ida this year became the first Idaho potato processor to begin marketing its product in Japan. To

meet its demand there and to compensate for the French-fry potato stock shortage, Ore-Ida is moving in to the eastern Idaho market to purchase potatoes for processing at its Ontario, Ore., plant, Anderson said.

He said French fry stocks were so critical last summer that some fast-food restaurant chains were put on allocations by processors.

But not all the news is good for potato marketing, Anderson said. Small fresh potato packers are struggling to survive in competition with potato processors and dehydrators for marketable Idaho spuds.

There also is great concern among growers over Idaho's weather pattern for the past two years, and the possibility that the state could be entering a prolonged cold-weather cycle.

Late spring and early fall low temperatures have limited growing seasons and caused overall potato grades to be lower, which in turn increases packing costs and decreases dollar return to the grower.

Still, Anderson said he was optimistic about the future of Idaho's most famous crop.

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Breeder turns out nasty bugs to control other undesirables

By SYDNEY RUBIN
The Associated Press

MISSION, Texas — Lloyd Wendel breeds bugs—nasty little creatures that work better than synthetic poisons to wipe out other insects and weeds.

In futuristic, stainless steel chambers located on a deserted World War II airfield, Wendel works wonders with biocontrol. The scientist has already bred a tiny wasp that hobbles the citrus whitefly, which damages fruit trees, flowers and shrubs.

His creatures, also known as parasitoids, are released on plants, and his next target is knapweed, a Russian import that gives off a chemical that prevents other plants and grasses from growing.

Wendel said, "Some of these forests are pristine and beautiful, wonderful places to work."

The pest covers too many acres to be controlled by spraying and federal laws prohibit the use of herbicides in

Tiny mite threatens honeybees

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Agriculture Department official says research efforts are being stepped up in hopes of finding effective weapons against a tiny parasitic mite that threatens the U.S. honeybee industry.

Terry B. Kinney Jr., administrator of the department's Agricultural Research Service, said some of the agency's top bee specialists are working on the project.

"Swift action is critical," Kinney said in a statement. "No country ever eradicated an infestation of the mite once it became established."

The mite — *Caraplis woodi* — was first discovered in the United States last July in a bee colony in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas near the Mexican border.

In later surveys, mites were found at five other Texas locations and in bee colonies in Nebraska, South Dakota, New York, Florida and Louisiana. State and federal quarantines were placed on "movements" of bees from the sites.

The tiny parasite is the only mite known to live and breed in the air tubes or respiratory system of an insect. It is only about one twenty-eighth of an inch in diameter.

Egg-laying mites pierce the windpipe or trachea of honeybees, depositing eggs inside. The young mites suck the bee's vital fluids, reducing the insect's productive capacities.

Kinney said William T. Wilson of the agency's bee laboratory in Laramie, Wyo., has been sent on a four-month assignment to Westlake, Texas, near the area where the first mites were discovered in July.

Wilson is studying ways to diagnose hundreds of bees at a time, including the possibility of screening them for antibodies or protein that could make them immune to the mites.

One of the problems is to find a pesticide that kills the mites without killing the honeybees. Scientists will evaluate chemicals used in Europe and will also look for mite-resistant bees.

Alfred Dietz of the University of Georgia will seek to develop treatments for queen bees. Scientists will evaluate chemicals used in Europe and will also look for mite-resistant bees.

The \$30 million packaged bee industry is of primary concern, Kinney said. Each spring, beekeeping ships hundreds of thousands of queen and worker bees from southern states and California to beekeepers in northern states and Canada.

Utahns face tough times

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The state's outgoing commissioner of agriculture says farming is "the most underdeveloped industry in Utah."

Steve Gillmore, who will be replaced by Senate President Miles Perry in Gov.-elect Norm Bangerter's administration, spoke Thursday at Utah State University's annual Extension Conference.

Gillmore said despite the emphasis on high technology, "the world still depends on U.S. agriculture because it serves as a stabilizing force in rural communities."

Stressing these are difficult times for farmers, he said the current needs of agriculture in the state total about \$1 million. However, Gillmore said the state Legislature appropriated only \$250,000 for those needs.

He said lawmakers would be asked next session for emergency funding to battle growing problems with apple maggot, Mormon crickets and grasshoppers.

national forests, "so the only alternative is biocontrol," Wendel said.

Biocontrol is a way to replace synthetic chemical poisons with natural predators. The National Biological Control Laboratory where Wendel works is part of an expanding network of U.S. Department of Agriculture facilities dedicated to finding biological methods of killing bugs that have developed resistance to chemical poisons.

Wendel said biocontrol of insects has always been an alternative, even before insects developed resistance to lab-made chemicals.

"You look to see what else is available and that brings you back to biocontrol, something that was there all along," he said.

Every creature has natural predators or parasites that help maintain a balance in an ecosystem, Wendel said. But when humans move plants between continents, insects may be accidentally imported, while their enemies are left behind.

"Predators are the big guys, running around eating other bugs," while parasites "lay eggs within the host and the host dies because of the immature feeding on the host's contents," he said. "But both are highly effective in controlling pests."

Agricultural pests do not build up a resistance to natural enemies as they do to poisons. And with biocontrol, fewer toxic chemicals come in contact with people and the environment.

Wendel is currently waging war on the citrus whitefly, a pest-sized bug that damages citrus trees, gardenias and many types of landscape shrubbery from Texas to Florida and the Carolinas.

The whitefly is also a bane to urban joggers, who run through swarms of the insects near shrubbery and may inhale the bugs, Wendel says.

To fight the citrus whitefly, Wendel has used all the resources—at his 12,000-square-foot, \$2 million biological control center to breed a parasitic wasp as small and transparent as dust floating in a beam of light.

The wasp is as invisible as it is. Invisible. Thirty-seven of the creatures virtually eradicated the whitefly population in six months in a 10-acre Texas grove. By the time wasp babies finished feeding on citrus whitefly larvae, few of the citrus pests remained.

The wasps are self-perpetuating and are cheaper and easier to employ in pest control than periodic application of poisons, but other types of biocontrol organisms die and must be reintroduced each year, Wendel said.

To spread the parasite wasps, Wendel has been growing them on gardenia cuttings for months. In August he supervised a fleet of USDA planes that flew 2,000 bug-bearing cuttings to Texas growers and to producers in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas.

Citrus growers in these states have been waiting a long time for the wasp to arrive. Like other agricultural pests, the citrus-whitefly was imported, brought in clinging to plants imported from Pakistan in the 19th century.

The whitefly soon became a pest of major proportions, prompting research to discover how they controlled the bug back home. Years of

searching revealed the wasp. In the 1950s, attempts were made to import the controlling parasite, but not until the 1960s did scientists manage to bring the insect back and keep it alive in the United States.

Similar research and breeding is being done with a variety of foreign-born predators and parasites that officials hope will control alfalfa

weevils, silver leaf nightshade, potato beetles and knapweed.

"Every major university is involved in some kind of biocontrol research," said Wendel, adding that new labs are opening in Montana, New Jersey, Maryland and California. "I can see a time when all bugs are controlled, at least in part, with biocontrol."

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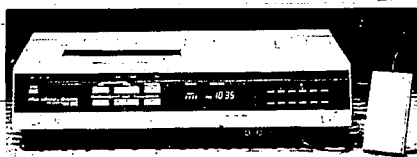
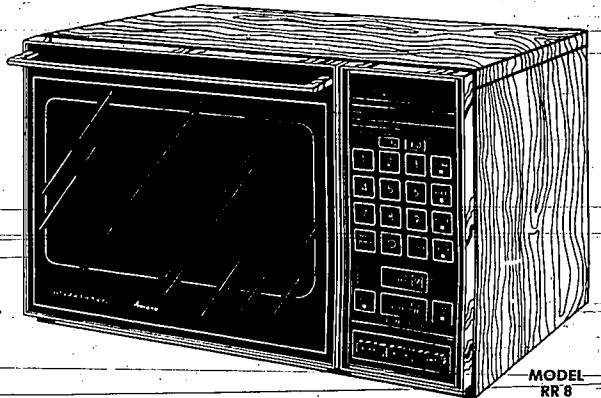
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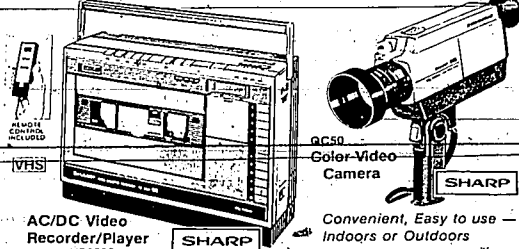
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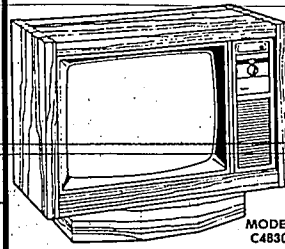
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Illinois unit plans to back candidates

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois Farm Bureau has approved a plan to use voluntary donations from its members to help candidates who support the group's views.

The "activator" program — the Farm Bureau's first effort at formal political involvement — was approved by delegates representing 64 percent of the group's voting membership in Illinois.

Farm Bureau President John White said the number of farmers is declining and the program was essential "if we're going to remain effective in the political arena."

Though the Farm Bureau has not helped or endorsed specific candidates before, it has been quite active in presenting its views to public officials and encouraging individual members to be politically active.

Under the activator plan, local committees of farmers would decide which candidates to endorse and help in races for the U.S. House of Representatives and the Illinois Legislature.

Incumbents would get the edge if they had an acceptable voting record. The money would be used for things like mailing lists, telephone banks and media services, but there would be no cash contributions to the candidates.

Asian fungus may control gypsy moths

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Japanese fungus is being looked at as a possible natural killer of gypsy moths, a leaf-chewing pest that threatens millions of acres of trees and shrubs in the United States.

The Agriculture Department says that the fungus is being checked out by Richard S. Soper Jr., an insect pathologist in the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

Soper and other members of a research team hope to field test the fungus against U.S. gypsy moths sometime next year, the agency said in a recent report.

The fungus — *Entomophaga aulica* — is known to attack only gypsy moth larvae, Soper said. But before USDA approves it as a weapon against the destructive pests, it must be thoroughly tested in laboratory and field experiments.

So far, the results appear promising. Soper, who works at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., collected some of the fungus spores in Japan and injected them into U.S. gypsy moths. A kill rate of more than 90 percent was reported under laboratory conditions.

October egg output rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's hens produced an estimated 5.85 billion eggs in October, a 3 percent increase from a year earlier, according to the Agriculture Department.

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